

Positive Moral Forces Can Gain NODL Objective

The Council of Catholic Men of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, at its latest convention, passed this Resolution:

"The St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, representing 257 organizations of Catholic laymen throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in Convention assembled on this 15th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1953, expressed its stand on Indecent Literature in the following statement:

"Catholic citizens must be constantly vigilant in their efforts to combat evils that are detrimental to the welfare of this nation. All who have the national good uppermost in their thinking know that the ideals of a nation must be founded on religion and morality.

"The morality of this nation is being rapidly destroyed through the publication and distribution of indecent, salacious, and pornographic literature. This type of literature, when read, influences the intellect and enfeebles the will of its readers and conse-

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quently guides their future actions and future decisions. This is an evil of such magnitude as to seriously threaten the moral, social and national life of this nation.

"To provide an adequate remedy for this alarming condition it is necessary for right thinking men to organize and set in motion the moral forces of this nation. We realize that this evil has been brought to the attention of Catholic laymen many times in the past and that Catholic corporate and lay effort has had an influence in minimizing the spread of this evil. Despite these efforts, it remains a serious threat to our welfare and, therefore, our Catholic laymen and all Catholic affiliates are urged to increase their individual efforts and support of all organized efforts that has for its purpose the destruction and elimination of this evil.

"All Catholic laymen are urged to be constantly

alert for legislation pending in our nation, state and local legislative bodies that has for its purpose the control or elimination of this type of evil literature, or that may have for its purpose the study and investigation of this evil for the further purpose of determining needed legislation. Catholic laymen, when such legislation is pending, are urged to express their interest by writing their representatives, national, state or local. We again seriously recommend the task of combatting this evil as worthy of the enlightened zeal, courage, and energy of Catholic men everywhere."

We have often reminded both our Catholic men and women that we could keep the stands clean if we merely asked the question as we enter the store of those who sell magazines or pocketsize books or even comics — neighborhood or downtown — whether the proprietor is cooperating with the NODL.

The mere question would indicate that we would be offended if he were not — and he certainly does not want to offend his patrons.

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Wishing You A Joyous Christmas

Your Archbishop and Bishop wish every member of your family a truly joyous Christmas. We pray that your souls become conditioned for supernatural joy, comparable to which there is none other.



In the turmoil of pre-Christmas shopping do not forget your spiritual preparation for the great feast. Do not fail to approach the Sacraments, no matter how inconvenient it may be for you.

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Friday this season. They are not, therefore, days of abstinence.

We request the presence of the priest-Moderator of every Deanery and District; the Deanery and District officers at the Diocesan Conference of the National Council of Catholic Men scheduled in Our Lady of Hungary Parish Hall, South Bend, Sunday, January 3—Feast of the Holy Name.

Any others of the clergy or members of the Holy Name Society are welcome to attend.

The chief purpose of the meeting is to elect and instruct Diocesan officers.

If members of Public Relations Committees have already been appointed in the five deaneries, we recommend that they also attend.

The Papal Delegate has requested every Bishop to ask his clergy to keep him informed concerning every Marian Year observance in the parishes. Kindly take note of this. Send the Archbishop a summary either periodically during 1954, or immediately following the close of the Marian Year on December 8, 1954.

The Rev. Leo Hildebrandt, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Griffith, has been appointed Dean of the Hammond Deanery to replace Monsignor F. J. Jansen, who has repeatedly asked that the Archbishop accept his resignation and that Father Hildebrandt be appointed to succeed him.

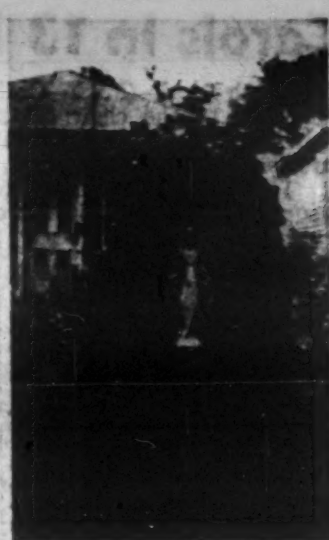
While the Griffith parish is in the Gary Deanery, it had previously been a mission from Schererville, where the last Dean of the Hammond District lived until his death.

I am well pleased with the collection for the erection of the superstructure over the Crypt of the National Shrine. It is by far the largest collection ever taken up in this diocese for any one purpose. Other Bishops are reporting to me, as Chairman of the Committee, that they are having the same success.

The Archbishop of Philadelphia and several other Bishops placed quotas on every parish and they have gone over the top.

I might only indicate that a number of our parishes have sent in more than \$2,000.00; one more than \$3,000.00; one more than \$5,000.00.

Father Edward Sweigart, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, asks that parish reports on the Korean Clothing Drive be sent to him at the office of the Catholic Charities, 302 Central Building, Fort Wayne.



The above shrine was erected by Frank G. Kramer, a member of Precious Blood parish, in the backyard of his home at 532 Fairmount Place, Fort Wayne.

Marian Year Shrines On Increase, Thanks To Backyard Builders

Washington — (NC) — One woman's homemade backyard shrine to Our Lady has started a Marian Year spurt of shrine building in many backyards throughout the U.S.

"Shrines to Mary in '54" was the slogan Margaret Jenkins used when she reported her ivy-covered stone shrine (cost: \$20) to N.C.W.C. News Service. A story and photograph of the homemade shrine that appeared in the Catholic press throughout the country, resulted in letters to Miss Jenkins asking advice on shrine building.

About 20 letters followed publication of the story. And they are still coming in.

From points like Jacksonville, Florida, to North Hollywood, California, people wrote about their shrine plans. "I have been thinking about doing the same thing for quite some time, but due to the expense I thought would be involved, it never got past the thinking stage," some wrote.

Taking hope from Miss Jenkins' \$20 shrine, many decided they could meet that expense and asked

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U.S. Bishops Plan ...

Day Of Prayer For Persecuted

Sunday, December 27, has been set as a day of prayer, on which Catholics throughout the U. S. will intercede for the Church's persecuted and persecutors.

On that day America's 30 million Catholics are being asked to flock to their churches for special services. They are asked to plead with God for strength for their millions of persecuted brethren and for light and repentance for the persecutors.

The special day of prayer is in accordance with a decision reached by the American Bishops at their recent annual meeting in Washington. A joint statement adopted by the Bishops at the meeting expressed the deepest grief at "bitterest, bloodiest persecution in history" against those who believe in God and His Christ. The Bishops promised the sufferers to "bind in prayer the wounds you suffer for justice's sake."

Reminding American Catholics that "Peter is again in chains," the Bishops pleaded: "Let there then be supplication to God and penance that His grace be poured out in superabundant measure to strengthen those who hold the place of honor and of danger in the new warfare launched against the Church."

December 27 will mark the third annual observance of a day of prayer for the Church in chains. Both last year and the year before American Catholics gathered in churches and in their homes on the last Sunday of the year to supplicate God for their brethren in bonds.

Stories from many parts of the country told how Catholics braved bitter cold, blizzards and snowdrifts to make those Sundays a nationwide demonstration of love and concern for the persecuted Catholics in communist lands.

The special day of prayer this year falls on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, who himself suffered intensely for his faith when he was martyred by being tossed into a cauldron of boiling oil in Rome.

St. John chronicled Christ's words predicting that His followers would have to suffer with Him: "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you."



This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the season of preparation for the coming of Christ. On Friday of this week, we celebrate Christ's Birth. The Church, in preparation for this great event, sets aside a month-long period devoted to prayer, fasting and acts of self denial so that the faithful can make ready for the magnificent occasion. There are just five praying days until Christmas.

Three Priests First Foreigners Honored By Japanese City

Nara, Japan — (NC) — Three Marist priests from Australia have become the first foreigners ever paid official honors by this ancient capital and cultural center.

The three priests, Fathers John Hill, Kevin Muldoon and Antony Glynn, were guests at a civic reception in tribute to their "herculean" work on behalf of the needy following recent floods that inundated almost half the city.

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Christmas

AMONG MEN OF GOOD WILL

South Bend C.Y.A. Holds First Meeting



The first meeting to organize the Catholic Young Adults was held last Sunday. Representatives of many parishes attended including (in photo above, left to right) standing: John Devine, Fort Wayne diocesan president; Gisalla Csenar, St. Mary's parish, South Bend, and Richard Robison, Holy Cross parish, South Bend. Seated are: the Rev. John M. Dupuis, C.S.C., C.Y.A. moderator and Carol Guendling, St. Joseph's parish, diocesan secretary. In the photo below, the Rev. William Vogt, St. Joseph's parish, Mishawaka, is shown with a group during the round-table discussions at last Sunday's meeting.



South Bend — The period between school and marriage is not a waiting period. Rather, it is a preparation for sainthood, Carol Guendling told the initial meeting of the Catholic Young Adults, here, last Sunday.

The meeting, to organize the C. Y. A. in the parishes of South Bend and Mishawaka, was held in the St. Joseph's parish Town Hall. It was attended by representatives from parishes in the Twin-Cities. The meeting, in care of Miss Guendling, who is the diocesan secretary of the C. Y. A., was attended by the Rev. Eugene Zimmer-

man, diocesan moderator and John Devine, diocesan president, both of Fort Wayne.

"The period between school and marriage is not just a waiting period; for girls, preparation for marriage; for fellows, preparation for business. It, with the rest of our lives, is a preparation for sainthood," Miss Guendling declared.

"There are many influences in our lives which tend to draw us from our purpose. The world does not make it easy for us to put God first because it is always pointing to material things and telling

us that we must have them. We can forget that there is really only one thing we must have, that is God.

"This is an age of Lay Apostles. The clergy cannot do God's work alone. There aren't enough of them and even if there were they can not reach into our factories and offices as we can. As members of His Church we have a mission too. Christ must reach people through us that He otherwise would never reach.

"The CYA can help us to form a Christian Mentality so that we can make each day of our lives bring us a step closer to Heaven. Together we can learn, we can share the benefit of our experiences, we can encourage each other and carry this back into our homes, offices, and social life."

Brother's Estate Left To Monsignor Connelly

Fort Wayne—A brother, Msgr. James F. Connelly, of East Chicago, was named sole beneficiary of the estate of Thomas J. Connelly, one-time Allen County treasurer, who died Dec. 4. The estate valued at \$32,000, was admitted to probate in Superior Court last week. Qualifying as co-administrators were the Fort Wayne National Bank and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan.

Nurses Collect Children's Clothing At Their Party

The South Bend Deanery of the Fort Wayne Diocese of the National Council of Catholic Nurses held its Annual Christmas Party on December 14, at St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka.

Children's clothing was collected by members to be distributed at Christmas by a local priest in his work with the needy.

Diocesan H.N.S. Groups Announce New Officers

One deanery Holy Name Society organization and two parish groups have reported the election of officers and plans for future activities.

Joseph A. Kuminiec, St. Stanislaus Church, South Bend, is the new South Bend Deanery Allied Holy Name Society president. He will be assisted by Edward Witucki, Our Lady of Hungary, vice president; William Mulvey, St. Monica's, Mishawaka, secretary and John Parchem, St. Anthony's, treasurer. Installation is scheduled for February 24 in St. Stanislaus Church.

In Fort Wayne, the St. Peter's Parish Holy Name men elected Jerome Moser, president; Robert Gerdorn, vice president; John Palmer, recording secretary; Frank Hahn, financial secretary and Virgil Christman, treasurer.

Cornelius Block was named president of Sacred Heart Church Holy Name Society in Whiting. Other officers are: Sarcy McCarthy, vice president; Vin Mullaney, vice president; Carl Herokovick, secretary-treasurer; J. Buckley, parliamentarian; Michael Kobe, Phil Thompson and Mullaney, trustees.

The annual corporate Communion and breakfast for the Whiting-Robertsdale area is planned for Sunday, January 3 in SS. Peter and Paul Church and hall, in Whiting.

Fr. Murphy Named Chaplain Of St. Joseph's Hospital

South Bend — The Rev. John H. Murphy, C.S.C. has been named chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital here, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Bernard Mullahy, C.S.C., assistant provincial of the Indiana Province of Priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Father Murphy succeeds the Rev. Frank Brown, C.S.C., who has been assigned as chaplain at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Father Murphy formerly served as executive vice-president and vice-president in charge of public relations at Notre Dame and since January of this year was associate editor of The Catholic Boy.

\$1,000 To St. Bavo's

South Bend—The Belgian-American Businessmen's association of neighboring Mishawaka enriched the St. Bavo's parish school building fund with a \$1,000 contribution this week. The funds represented the proceeds from a recent dance sponsored by the group.

Making the presentation was Art Soens, president and Oscar Elbode treasurer. The check was presented to the Rev. Otto J. Keller.



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Behind The Footlights

'Amahl And Night Visitors' Shows Meaning Of Christmas

By WILLIAM THESPIAN

Audiences in the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Fort Wayne and the Whiting Community Center had the good fortune of seeing an example of the true meaning of Christmas. It was Gian-Carlo Menotti's masterpiece, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Menotti's brilliant opera "keeps Christmas in Christ" with all the beauty and symbolism which the fields of music and drama command. This is the story of a crippled boy who is miraculously cured because he wants to give to the Christ Child his simple, self-made crutch as a gift. Herein lies the true meaning of Christmas—love.

Menotti turned to his childhood in Italy for inspiration in his little opera. Italian children are told that on Christmas Eve, the Three Kings bring them their gifts. These same Three Kings who on the first Christmas travelled a great distance to bring gifts to the Christ Child, their God, the promised Messiah. With that in mind, gift-giving at Christmas continues a holy tradition.

It was in that same spirit that the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Bishop Noll high school approached this Christmas season. It was their Christmas gift to the lovers of music, drama and the dance. Those who were fortunate enough to witness either production came to realize that music, drama and dance can make their Christmas holy and blessed.

The Fort Wayne "Amahl" was an important milestone in the cultural life of the city. Igor Buketoff, the Philharmonic's director, following the lead of the Metropolitan Opera's Rudolf Sing, realized that opera is a blending of music and drama. It should be good music and good drama.

Just as Mr. Sing turned to the leading figures of Broadway and Hollywood to stage some of his best productions, Mr. Buketoff enlisted the aid of the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre to stage his "Amahl." The wedding should be a long and happy one.

With the Civic's Theodore Smer directing, David Locklin doing the setting and lighting, John Neff the choreography and Don Junk the costumes, Mr. Buketoff had the assurance of getting an intensely staged production. He got just that.

Coupled with Menotti's amusing curtain-raiser, "The Telephone," the Philharmonic's first opera presentation was a wonderful evening with music and drama. The fine work and cooperation of the Civic Theatre gave the whole event an air of cultural good health. Fort Wayne should be thankful that it now has the services of two such brilliant men—Mr. Buketoff and Mr. Smer. Life could be so extremely dull without their magnificent talents and keen understanding of music and drama.

The opera appetite of the Fort Wayne public has been pleasantly whetted. To make this opera presentation an annual occurrence would be a welcomed addition to the cultural life of the area.

In the Calumet area, the fine work and talents of Father Ferdinand Melevage deserves the thankfulness of every music lover. The Bishop Noll high school production of "Amahl" was a major undertaking, presented with extreme good taste and thoughtfulness. Although simpler in production than the Fort Wayne presentation, it equalled the latter in spirit and warmheartedness.

The important thing about the Bishop Noll production is not how it was done, but that it was done at all. What a truly exciting experience for every member of the cast to be able to say that they staged and presented an opera. Menotti wrote his opera for children. To see it presented by the young people at Bishop Noll high school gave it an added meaning of child-like inspiration.

The Whiting presentation was coupled with a short concert of Christmas carols sung by the Junior and Senior Choral groups. Both ensembles are extremely well-coached. During each number, all eyes were fixed on the director, a mark of a good choral organization.

Once again, thank you to the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Civic Theatre and Bishop Noll high school for bringing to this Christmas season a touch of the blessed atmosphere of Bethlehem. During the last-minute hustle always connected with the great holiday, it reminded us that it is a great holiday, first and foremost.

Only One Of Its Kind In U.S.

Unique Crib On Display At St. Mary's College

Notre Dame—One of the most dramatic explanations of the Nativity and probably the only Christmas crib of its kind in existence in the United States will be displayed at St. Mary's College, here. Sent to Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C., president of the College, from Provence, France, the unusual miniature representation of the birth of Christ is an exact replica of the inspiring pageant which takes place each Christmas in the little peasant village of Southern France.

While studying abroad several years ago, Sister Madeleva spent Christmas day in the town of Hyeres, France, where she was invited to participate in the village ceremony. She was so impressed with the spectacular celebration which she witnessed that she continued to tell and retell the story to her students at St. Mary's.

Several years after Sister Madeleva's visit to the French village, the unique crib was sent to her by an American serviceman in France. Following her convocation, it will be placed on display.

Unlike the simple Asiatic figures and stable familiar to us, the crib is patterned completely after their own French village. The baker, the scissors grinder, the lawyer, the

village gossip, the priest, the woman going to market and dozens of typical Provence peasants are modeled from clay and painted with a chalk substance in the brightest of hues.

In one corner of the tiny village scene a cave serves as the stable where the familiar Bethlehem statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and Jesus are found, along with the shepherds, their sheep, the donkeys and the oxen.

"It is interesting to note," Sister Madeleva says, "that in Hyeres the infant Jesus is not placed in the crib until midnight of Christmas eve and this is done by the village priest." Sister explains that then the townspeople, garbed in their traditional Sunday peasant outfits, gather around to serenade the Christ Child with the harmonious, gay music characteristic of the old-time troubadours who inhabited this land before them. From their ancestors these villagers have inherited a great love and talent for music.

Unspoiled by the passage of time, this celebration of the Nativity dates back to the early 1800's. Sister Madeleva feels that it is one of the most extraordinary and delightful Christmas festivals

in the world, and an experience she will never forget!

"At the midnight Mass," Sister recalls, "I was indeed startled when they sang not the Gregorian Chant of the present day, but the melodious, colorful songs of a thousand years ago passed onto them by their forefathers, with the accompaniment of drums and fifes. While the men and women sing, often in six part harmony, the small boys carry lighted torches and lamps in procession to the altar."

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South Bend Choir Sings Carols In 13 Languages

South Bend—(RNS)—Christmas carols will be sung in 13 languages by the choir of Our Lady of Hungary Catholic church here on Dec. 20 in its fourth annual international carol program.

Prof. Carl A. Mathes, director of the program, said the group is the only one in the country with the ability to use

so many languages.

It will render carols in English, Latin, Hungarian, Gaelic, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Croatian, Czech, Greek, and Swedish.

The carols will be recorded on tape and presented by transcription during the Christmas holidays over Station WSBT here.

On TV At Christmas

Cologne —(NC)—The North West German television network will present a Christmas Eve address, lasting 15 minutes, of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne.

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Family Theater's TV Film To Be Viewed By Nation

(See picture on page 5 of this week's Religious Section.)

"A Star Shall Rise," 1952 Christmas television production of Father Patrick Peyton's Family Theater, will be repeated on more than 225 stations throughout the United States during Christmas Week.

John Brahm, director of Warner Brothers' "The Miracle of Fatima" directed the picture for Father Peyton. The script was written by talented Hollywood writer John T. Kelley, a Notre Dame graduate.

The cast for the film includes Raymond Burr, Tony Caruso, Jay Novello, Richard Hale, John Crawford, Henry Brandon and Morris Ankrum.

Local television logs will carry the date and hour of the showing in local areas during Christmas week.

For the sixth consecutive year, Father Patrick Peyton's Family Rosary Crusade will present its universally popular "Joyful Hour" broadcast over the Mutual Network on Sunday, December 20, from 9:00 to 10:00 p. m., E. S. T.

Appearing on the now traditional Christmas broadcast will be Ann Blyth, Francis X. Bushman, Jeanne Cagney, MacDonald Carey, Rita Johnson, Stephen Dunne, Jimmy Durante, June Haver, Bobby Driscoll, William Lundigan, Betty Lynn, Rod O'Connor, Maureen O'Sullivan and Gigi Perreau.

N. D. Glee Club To Sing On NBC Network Dec. 8

Notre Dame — The University of Notre Dame Glee Club will present a program of Christmas Carols over the NBC network, Friday, December 18, from 9:30 to 10 p. m., C.S.T. Daniel H. Pedtke, head of the Music Department at the Notre Dame, is the glee club director.

The program, which will feature traditional Christmas carols and other religious numbers, is one of a series presenting outstanding musical organizations. It was produced and recorded in Sacred Heart church on the Notre Dame campus by Jerome Fallon and Everett Warren.



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World Misses Meaning Of Christmas

Our Weekly Chat With You

Dear Readers...

THE editors and all their co-workers at *Our Sunday Visitor* wish to extend to every reader their warmest greetings, joined to a prayer that Christmas may be to you a source of abundant grace and, therefore, of spiritual joy.

Practically every one in Christian lands observes this feast in some sort of way, but many not according to the manner the Catholic Church intended when she assigned this feast to this particular day. The Church expected her people to make a preparation for the festival. That was her purpose in instituting the season of Advent, during which all were to practice the spirit of recollection and the spirit of repentance. So conditioned their souls would be ready to "glorify God in the highest," and to receive the "peace" promulgated by the angel from Heaven.

For most of our countrymen Christmas is just a civil holiday and observed by feasting, by family reunions, and by greeting one another in the spirit of worldly "merriment."

It has been found necessary to start movements to "get Christ back into Christmas" because it has been forgotten that it is actually His birthday.

You have already been reminded that the Church began December 8 to observe the first centenary year of the promulgation to the entire world of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception which, of course, had always been accepted by members of the Church. It was promulgated because up to that time there were very few who entertained any doubt about Mary having been immaculately conceived in order to become the mother of our Redeemer and Savior Who was God.

During this Marian Year, as it is called, special Indulgences are granted to all Catholics who visit churches or shrines dedicated to Mary and even chapels in rural areas.

Catholics should be familiar, at this time, with the significance of an Indulgence because the Martin Luther picture represents that Indulgences were being sold in Luther's day, and that pretence is offered for his break with the Church. The fact is that Luther did not separate himself from the Church until several years later; he even wrote the Pope professing his loyalty after his attack on the

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'There Is Born To You A Savior, Who Is Christ The Lord'

MOST REV. JOHN F. NOLL, D.D.



NO message ever penned by man has been so widely and so frequently publicized as that which deals with the birth of Jesus, written by St. Luke nineteen centuries ago. Little did this humble and, at the time, almost un-

known disciple of St. Peter, dream that his description of the divine Nativity scene at Bethlehem would be retold verbatim down the ages in every town and hamlet every year, whether peace reigned or war raged.

No scholar through the centuries, and certainly no modern writer, has been able to pro-

duce a piece of descriptive literature comparable to St. Luke's Annunciation and Nativity story, which he learned from the lips of Jesus' Mother.

Luke's story was the theme of fascinating dramas, of beautiful tableaux, of sweet carols, during the Middle Ages; and today is broadcast annually by the marvel of radio over the

entire globe. No matter how frequently repeated, the story is always new, and would touch the hardest hearts if most people were not so unprepared to learn the lessons it is intended to convey.

If we had no other argument for the divinity of Bethlehem's babe than the superhuman achievements of the poor and unlettered men who later became His Apostles and disciples, these of themselves would be convincing.

The Christmas message, even if so little understood by half of America, has done more than any document ever written to promote good will among the citizenry. It has made the outward observance of Christmas what it is, a day of benevolence and cheer, a day of reunion of friends and gift-giving, the banner day of the year for little children.

Christ's Birthday

All this is commendable, yet it is much to be regretted that to most children Christmas is identified with Santa Claus and not with the Christ Child. The Church gave the world Santa Claus, the gift-bearer, as a symbol of God's infinite gift to man. Merriment and sumptuous feasting on Christmas do not make sense unless they are only the reflection of the soul-joy resulting from a feeling of closeness to God.

The angel of the Nativity dis-
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THIS DAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE — This is a striking impression of the birth of Christ so vividly expressed in the Messianic Psalms 2,7, which open the introit of the Mass for Christmas Day: "The Lord said to me: Thou art My Son, this day I have begotten Thee." Reproduction is from a painting by Antonio Balestra, which hangs in the church of St. Zachary in Venice, Italy.

Children's Festival Centers Around Christ Child

World Is Young Again At Christmas

REV. RICHARD GINDER



THE whole world grows young again at Christmas. It is a children's festival centering around the Child of Bethlehem. The decorations are in vivid greens and reds, exotic plants with big leaves and gorgeous blooms, crystal balls in rainbow colors, candy toys and gingerbread men...

What goes to make up the Christmas spirit is really a panoply of childlike virtues—trust and confidence in our fellowmen (a child trusts people naturally; he has to be warned against "strange people"); the easy giving of one's treasures; the shrugging off of worries; and a lack of interest in anything outside of home and church. For a season we are all like children, tasting again the innocent joys of childhood and celebrating the birthday of Bethlehem's Child, a fairytale come true.

There is something about Christmas that cuts deep into the heart of all of us, and the older we get, the deeper it cuts. The very sound of the Christmas bells in the still of the night, the first sight of the choristers in procession, brings

back in one poignant intuition the joys of all our past Christmases. In some people it is so intense that

it wells up and chokes them and they have to fight back the tears. It recalls the innocence of their



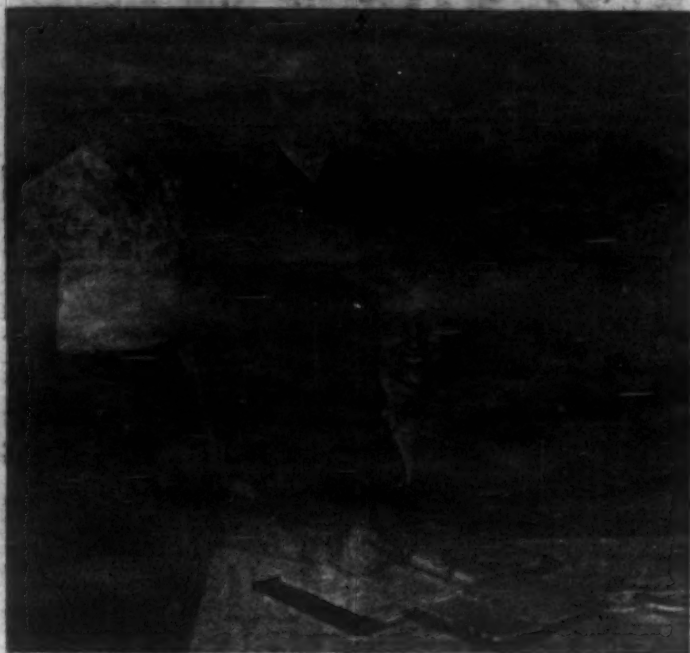
CHRISTMAS CRIB AT NAZARETH — Thousands come to pray before the Crib in the Church of the Annunciation at Nazareth during Christmas Week. This same scene is enacted at Christmas time in Catholic churches throughout the world.

own childhood, family customs followed year after year in a sacred routine, absent members of the family, and the faces of their dear departed, celebrating Christmas now with our Saviour and His Blessed Mother.

But if the children seem to have the best of it at Christmas, we older folks have a sort of joy that is more mature, more philosophical, so to speak. More has been forgiven us and, therefore, like the Magdalen, we love more. We have had more frequent experience of Jesus as our Redeemer. We have learned by the hard way that the essence of Christmas joy is in the thought of the old carol, "Peace on earth and mercy mild: God and sinner reconciled."

Adam and Eve were barely outside the gates of paradise when they were bidden to forget the past and turn their faces toward the future. They lived in the promise of Christ's coming—the Desire of the everlasting hills. And for thousands of years humanity hoped and prayed for its Messiah. We are familiar with the eloquent prophecies from the words of the Advent liturgy, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Isaiah—all of them looked toward the future. For all of them, salvation hinged on the first Christmas Night.

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LADIES' CLUB OFFICERS — Newly elected officers of St. Anthony Ladies' Club, South Bend, are: Mrs. Christine Kovall, president, Mrs. Agnes Borkowski, vice-president (absent), Mrs. Agnes Billisitz, treasurer, Mrs. Frances Mary Hinkle, secretary, and Mrs. Elsie Chevre, flower fund. They will take over duties on January 17.



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We dedicate the activities of our Council this year to commemorate a century of devotion to the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady and ask her protection and guidance in all our efforts in Catholic Action for the greater honor and glory of her Divine Son.

Mrs. Howard E. Carlson,
Diocesan President.

Orleans, France.—(NC)—American GI's stationed here marked the start of the Marian Year with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Paris on Sunday, December 13.

Posters On Highway Billboards

Crown Point PTA Supports 'Keep Christ In Christmas' Drive

Crown Point — The St. Mary's P.T.A. has supported the "Keep Christ In Christmas" movement of the National Council of Catholic Women by the purchasing and placing of window posters and a highway billboard in conspicuous points in and near Crown Point.

This motion was carried unanimously at the regular monthly business meeting. A "penny march" to obtain funds for this particular project was held during the session.

Success of the recent bake sale, held by the P. T. A., enabled the membership to add \$100 to their studio piano account, making the account \$200. Approximately \$500 will be needed to obtain the piano for the music department.

The Rev. Joseph Hammes, pastor, urged that "families observe the Marian Year in their homes." Father impressed the gathering with the extreme need of laying stronger spiritual foundations in youngsters of all ages. He noted, "Calling into play spiritual motives for being good will help to dispell the growing destructive and uncouth traits of today's young people. Ask Mary for help," he concluded.

Mrs. Clarence Russell announced

that the P. T. A. is recruiting adult 4-H leaders to assist four junior leaders and Mrs. Frank Doffin. Mrs. Doffin, who has served as 4-H adult leader for six years, is unable to continue with any activity in the 4-H other than sewing. Volunteer leaders may contact either Mrs. Doffin or Mrs. Russell.

Clothing For The Pope's Storehouse

All organizations who are participating in the showers of Infant's and Children's clothing for the Pope's Storehouse are requested to contact their deanery War Relief Chairman for information regarding the shipping of their contributions.

Gary — Mrs. Peter Lavenda, 1005 W. 11th Avenue, Gary.

Hammond — Mrs. John Bodney, 1745 Central Avenue, Whiting.

South Bend — Marie Kleinkoff, Box 83, Lakeville.

Fort Wayne — Mrs. Theodore Toerne, 2106 E. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne.

Michigan City — Mrs. Ray Peth, 1914 Michigan Avenue, La Porte.

Sorority Holds Party

Gary—Ninety members of Sigma Upsilon Alpha Pi Sorority, representing all chapters, gathered in the Ambassador Dining Room, here, recently for the national sorority Christmas party. Officers of the sorority are Mrs. John H. Romischer, national president; Rosemary Nacarato, first vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Spanich, second vice-president; Mrs. Rachel Schutz, third vice-president and historian; Sylvia Varso, secretary and Mrs. Donald Stinson, treasurer. Magr. John A. Sullivan is the moderator.

Rosarians Elect Officers

Fort Wayne—At a recent meeting of the St. Jude parish Rosary Society, the following officers were elected: Mrs. A. J. Rager, Jr., president; Mrs. Edward Adams, vice president; Mrs. William Byanski, secretary, and Mrs. Elmer Davis, treasurer. Installation will take place at the January meeting.

New President

South Bend — Mrs. D. Ray Walters, president; Mrs. Jesse Ruff, vice president; Mrs. Walter Bourgeois, secretary, and Mrs. Neil Hartner, treasurer, were elected to head the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Patrick's parish, here for the next two years.

'Keep Christ In Christmas' Is Big Success In England

London — (NC) — Among the posters on billboards all over Britain this Christmastide are 6,000 which carry no advertising at all.

These are pictures of the scene at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day. They serve as a constant reminder, among all the bustle and glitter, of the real meaning of Christmas.

Even among the lavish displays in the windows of Britain's big stores may be found a window that is given over to something quite different — the Christmas crib.

Credit for all these efforts to "keep Christ in Christmas" belongs to Catholic Action.

It was in 1950 that a group of London Catholic laymen, with little money but a great deal of faith, opened their campaign to keep the Infant Christ constantly before the eyes of the people of Britain during the Christmas season.

For that first Christmas they ordered 3,000 large posters depicting the Nativity. With the co-

operation of advertising agents and billposters, the posters were prominently displayed all over the country.

At the same time, the Catholic Actionists urged the manufacturers of Christmas cards to print more cards with a religious theme, and asked shop-keepers to display the Crib.

The response far exceeded their expectations.

The next year the effort was intensified. Miss Zinkeisen's Nativity scene, reappeared on the billboards and no fewer than 30,000 smaller reproductions of it were printed for use on notice boards and garden walls and in the windows of houses.

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Certainty Of Faith Or Indifferentism

Protestantism Declining In Lands Of Reformation

FROM Hamburg, Germany, came a news item on Dec. 1 reporting a survey taken among German youths. The population of that city is (at least nominally) chiefly Lutheran. Only 43% of the persons interviewed declared that they believed in life after death. In a survey among 1,000 youths between the ages of 15 and 24—those who lived at least for some time under the Hitler regime—it was disclosed that among Catholic youths 78% believed that religion was of personal importance, while only 53% of Protestants so believed.

The survey also indicated that the older the youths were the less faith they had.

Girls between 15 and 22 evinced a declining interest in religion. Then interest rose to reach 78% among those who are engaged or are young married people.

The survey is now being analyzed and results and interpretations will be broadcast by the Northwest German Radio Corporation, which sponsored it.

From the time of Luther until World War I broke out in 1914, Prussia was pretty solidly Lutheran, although the Missouri Synod Lutherans of the United States claim that it had drifted towards Calvinism—and no educated person needs proof that the two World Wars were provoked by Prussia.

In all countries of the Reformation the Catholic religion has grown and the "Reformed" religion declined. This is true of Germany, England, Switzerland, Holland.

The Catholic religion has not gained appreciably in the Lutheran countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, chiefly because the Church and State are united there, and Catholics long labored under disabilities. But the population, in large part, is only nominally Lutheran. We mean that the people have become quite indifferent, just as the present population of the United States, constituted of offspring of persons who immigrated from European countries, is religiously indifferent.

Until a little more than a century ago England hardly tolerated Catholics, yet today there are more people belonging to the Catholic Church and practicing their religion than there are practicing members of the Established Church, which, as you know, enjoys the prestige of having the King or Queen as its head.

In Germany there is a big trend towards the introduction of Catholic practices which were discontinued at the time of the Reformation, such as the reservation of the Eucharist and devotion to Mary, and many are clamoring for the re-introduction of the Mass.

This same trend is strong in Geneva, the headquarters of Calvinism.

Evidently Almighty God never intended that there should be national religions—a German religion, an English religion, a Swedish religion, a Swiss religion, a Dutch religion, a Scotch religion. Christ's religion was to be Catholic, just as it became Catholic during the days of the Apostles.

We might have said the Church became Catholic on the very day of her birthday, Pentecost, when visitors to Jerusalem from a dozen countries were baptized and received into the Church by St. Peter. That is why back in the first century, when the Apostles' Creed was drafted, this article was inserted "I believe in the Catholic Church."

Within the first century the Church had not only spread in Palestine, Turkey, Egypt, and other countries in the Near East, but also to North Africa and France and Spain. Of course, practically all of Italy was Catholic at the time the persecutions ceased.

The Anglican Church, anywhere in the world, is made up chiefly of the English, the Lutheran Church of Germans.

The greatest weakness of Protestantism generally is that it can trace its origin back only four centuries, while the Church of Christ must be more than nineteen centuries old. Protestant churchmen must, therefore, claim that theirs is not a new religion, but the restoration of primitive faith. They must either do that or must claim that Christ never established

a Church, but only a "fellowship of believers" as the Rev. Mr. John Mackay recently referred to it. A fellow Presbyterian minister was recently quoted as saying the same thing. He had been asked which was the Church started by Christ, and his answer was "Christ did not found any Church." This is unhistorical, and is wholly out of keeping with what is written in the Gospels, the Epistles and the Acts of the Apostles.

There would be very little left of Protestantism today outside the Lutheran branches—which themselves teach discordantly—if the efforts towards reunion of the many sects of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other churches did not necessitate compromising in favor of a least common denominator. They have practically accepted the Lutheran doctrine of "justification by faith alone" because it is such an easy plan of salvation. It is the kind of religion which Billy Graham is preaching, backed in large cities by several hundred ministers who jointly invite him.

Of course there are fundamentalists in the different Protestant sects who claim that much more is necessary for salvation. During the past month two pamphlets have been written in England critical of the Catholic Church and inspired altogether by jealousy according to the Bishop of Leeds. He remarked: "Their fear is that in the foreseeable future, adherents to the Protestant reformed religions of all kinds will have so dwindled as no longer to constitute a vital force in the United Kingdom."

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RELIGIOUS FLOAT IN TOURNAMENT OF ROSES—This is one of the floats with a religious theme which will be entered in the famous New Year's Day Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif. Entitled "The Sign of the Cross," the float symbolizes Christianity shining on the world. It will be sponsored by the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

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The Catholic Church is the only Church growing in the lands of the Reformation. It appeals to every intellectual who prayerfully examines its claims. The intellectual is not satisfied with "opinions," or a "perhaps"; in the matter of his salvation he wants certainty and wants to be assured that the religion he joins was actually instituted by Christ.

St. Ansgar, Apostle to the North, the story goes, commissioned three messengers—Faith, Hope and Love—to find and then light a tree that was as wide as love, as high as hope, and bore the sign of the cross on every branch. Their choice was the balsam fir, still the most popular of Christmas trees.

Those who bemoan the fact that "Christmas comes but once a year" should move to Abyssinia: the Ethiopian Church celebrates the Nativity 12 times a year—on the 24th of each month.

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RIGHT or WRONG

Editors' views on current
events and others' comments

Catholic Children Taught By Ministers

NOT all Protestant ministers in this country go along with the campaign to make it impossible for Catholic children even to receive fringe benefits in case the federal government began to assist the school systems of the state with public funds.

Rev. John H. Paul, a Methodist minister at Louisville, Kentucky, recently wrote the following letter to the Louisville Times (October 27, 1953):

To the Editor:

As a Methodist preacher, it seems to me unfortunate that your news columns should have to carry a report that a Methodist minister has initiated a move to make it unlawful for Catholic children to teach in American public schools. In the first years of my public schooling a Methodist local preacher was the principal teacher. Why not exclude all preachers and maybe the officials of our churches?

I had occasion as a Methodist boy to attend a Catholic private or parochial school where I found the Sisters to be efficient teachers who set good examples and led beautiful, consecrated lives. Never once did they try to proselyte me.

In American tradition, Church and State have parallel functions. They must sometimes co-operate on the same job. . . . The Catholics pay their share of taxes on our school buses, and should be permitted to use them when they pass their way. Some who shudder at overlapping functions of Church and State do not hesitate to accept the exemptions for their churches and colleges, which means a gift of many thousands of dollars annually from the state to the church.

JOHN H. PAUL

A week or two later there assembled at Bruges, Belgium, delegates from 13 nations representing the International Union for Freedom of Education, and at their convention adopted a resolution expressing the conviction that "Governments have an obligation to aid all parents financially in educating their children in schools of their choice."

The delegates unanimously agreed that "the rights of parents to complete freedom in choosing the education of their children is one that involves a corresponding duty in strict justice on the part of political authorities of each nation to furnish parents the financial aid necessary to exercise the right—of course, from the funds contributed by the taxes collected from all."

Only deep-seated prejudices



CHRISTMAS CRIB IN THE U.S. — American school children are shown visiting the Crib at Christmas time in their local church. The Crib is a reminder of the humble birth of the King of Kings and an invitation to all men of good will to answer the call of the angels: "O come let us adore Him."

could prevent one from accepting the justice of this resolution.

Our country and practically every country sets up standards for primary and secondary education, and at the same time recognizes the rights of parents to send children to the schools of their choice. If Catholic or Lutheran or Methodist or Presbyterian parents choose to exercise this right and the school which they choose for the education of their children meets the standards and all other requirements of the State, why should not the State bear the cost, as it does in so many countries, of the education imparted in such schools?

Certainly the State would not be out of pocket by so doing because in most instances it would have to erect a public school if Catholics or Lutherans or others did not erect a school of their own. If the children were taught by Religious the cost would be lower to the state.

No money would be paid, of course, for the religious instruction in these schools. Hence it would not be expended for sectarian purposes. It would be for the education of the child—in whatever school would be the choice of parents, who pay the taxes.

Can you conceive of a noted philosopher, reflecting entirely objectively, defending the right of the State to devote to the education of other children the money which parents would prefer to have used for the education of their own children attending the school of their choice? Our forefathers believed that "taxation without representation was tyranny," and fought a war in defense of that principle.

Not only did the Kentucky Methodist minister whom we quote defend the private school, but he saw nothing wrong in Catholic Sisters

teaching in such schools when most pupils are of that faith. He noted that the principal of the school he attended was a Methodist minister. There are one hundred times as many Methodists, Baptists and other ministers teaching in public schools in the south than there are Sisters employed as teachers in public schools in the whole United States.

Want Religion in Education

If Catholic churchmen were saying the things which are quoted nearly every week from Protestant sources, the entire sectarian press, as well as occult organizations, would denounce the very ideas expressed. It is strange that the same logic is not applied to the Catholic Church as to other organizations. Only a few weeks ago, according to the Religious News Service, "one of the nation's top Presbyterian officials warned here that unless religious leaders and groups can agree to press for the 'reintroduction' of God into public schools, education inevitably will waver between the two opposite catastrophes of Fascism and Communism."

This utterance was made by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, State Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., at the 50th anniversary convention of the Religious Education Association.

What if a Catholic had said this, as Dr. Blake did: "Today teachers are bound by such a fear that they dare not in the classroom even hint of their own personal faith. The

Booklet On Luther Film

WE have compiled an attractive booklet entitled "The Martin Luther Motion Picture" in which we offer comment on this popular movie. Because the film misrepresents the Church in the 16th century and distorts history, we think the Church's side of a controversial issue should be fairly presented to non-Catholics who will see or have seen the movie.

With this thought in mind, we hope our readers will help in the wide distribution of our booklet. We offer it at less than cost: 10 cents per copy; three copies for 25 cents and \$4.25 per 100 copies. All prices include postage. Order today from Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana, and bring this booklet to the attention of your non-Catholic friends. Not only the Lutheran but most Protestant churches are boosting the movie, to the undesired detriment of the Catholic Church.

only teachers really free to teach are unbelievers."

Americans will probably be interested to learn that the Australian government, which had already apportioned to Catholic parents, whose children are attending the parochial school, the regular per capita cost of educating a child in that land, has increased the amount.

The news item reads: "An income tax deduction of 75 pounds (\$210.00) will be permitted for each child under 21, covering expenditures for boarding charges, cost of textbooks and transportation to and from schools. Last year, when the special tax benefit was introduced, the deduction allowed was 50 pounds (\$140.00)."

"The concession, which will cost the Australian government about \$5,400,000 during the next year in revenue, applies to all religious groups. However it will especially

affect Catholics, who operate grade and high schools for 90% of their children in the country.

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Most Reverend

Fulton J. Sheen

OUR Lord one day called a young man to be His disciple. The youth pleaded: "Suffer me first to go bury my father." But Jesus said unto him: "Follow Me and let the dead bury their dead."

The habit of putting other duties before we attend to the highest claims of Christ is full of danger; once we put Our Lord into second place, even for a good natural reason, there may be no end to doing it the rest of our lives. It is so easy to say: "I will help Christ be known in India; I will sacrifice to cure the lepers in Japan; I will aid in teaching the natives of New Guinea — but a little later on." According to Our Lord, we may never say: "Let me bury my father and then I will come." As He put it at another time: "He that loveth father and mother more than He is not worthy of Me."

Because so many make Our Lord second to their comfort, the Communists have come into the world to seize the heroic souls and to demand of them the same surrender to evil that Our Lord demanded of us for good. It is amazing how often the Communists tell our missionaries in China: "Remember the Devil is the head of our government. The Devil is our Master." Chinese youths are in some instances told to kill their "reactionary" parents before they can become Communist Party members. Thus has sacrifice been perverted by the Reds because we who profess Christ have not done it ourselves or asked others to do it.

Today all claims sink into nothingness before the choice — Christ or the Devil. Within fifty years there will be no more Peter Pans; we will either gather with Peter the Rock, or we will scatter with Pan or Communism. The procrastination, the broadminded, the indifferent will split and go berserk in the crisis. The hour has struck for a sharp decision between conflicting allegiances.

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director.

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Looking And Listening

A Guide For Family Entertainment

RADIO . . . MOVIES . . . TELEVISION

DALE FRANCIS

I'VE said several times that the first remedy when you find TV programs you don't like is to reach over and turn a switch. A lady wrote to me to say that my remedy doesn't work because when she turns the switch what she finds on the other channels is just as bad as what she left.

She doesn't understand which switch I've been talking about. I'm talking about the one that turns the thing off. If your set is never turned off in the evenings then you don't have control of your TV set, it has control of you. You should choose your programs, you shouldn't just sit passively accepting whatever is offered. There may well be evenings when you will choose to see programs through the entire evening. That is all right so long as you do choose the programs. But there should be evenings, too, when your screen will be dark most or all of the evening.



Dale Francis

simply because you've chosen not to accept what is offered.

This is really important. A television set can control an entire household if you let it. But by the simple device of turning the set off when there isn't something you definitely want to see you can contribute to the improvement of the medium.

The second remedy is to write to sponsors when you feel their programs are less than they should be. As I've warned before, these letters should be constructively critical and not diatribes if they are to serve their purpose. Anthony J. Smith, a Catholic from Florence, Alabama, sent me a copy of a letter he wrote concerning one TV show. Because it is a model of the kind of a letter I've suggested you write if you feel a letter should be written, I'm re-printing it here.

This letter was sent to the head of the company sponsoring the program and to the National Broadcasting Company, which presented it.

"Dear Sir: I have followed the 'Mr. Peepers' program on NBC television for two seasons and have consistently found it to be of whole-

some, entertaining content; a program that might reasonably be expected to build listener loyalty to the products advertised. The program of this date, however, introduced a new element: sex education.

"I believe that sex education should take place in the home and in the church and that outside interference in such a schedule is damaging. 'I'm pregnant . . . I'm going to have a baby,' are quotations from tonight's 'Mr. Peepers' telecast and my six and nine year old daughters were in the audience.

"If it is the intention of the producers of this program to 'entertain' my daughters for the next six or eight months with weekly bulletins of this nature I shall make certain that my family is not a part of that audience.

"I urge you to take immediately whatever steps may be necessary to correct this unwholesome situation. Yours truly, Anthony J. Smith."

This was Mr. Smith's letter, quietly written, sent to the places where it could do the greatest good. You can be sure that his criticisms will be given consideration.

You should understand that a large volume protest is not important. One letter intelligently written, stating a reasoned objection, can do far more good than a thousand bombastic letters threatening to boycott the sponsor's products. Don't write a letter unless you've thought out your objections, feel it is important to write. But when you do write make certain your letter is calm, reasonable and constructive.

Now quickly to comment on some letters and answer some questions. Lloyd C. Douglas, the author of "The Robe," was not a Catholic but a Presbyterian . . . Arthur Godfrey was a convert to the Church but his "second marriage" was performed by a Baptist minister . . . A gentleman from California wrote to tell me that Captain Lillian Kinella, the technical director for "Flight Nurse," is a Catholic. She is one of the most decorated women in the services and her many missions over Korea won her the title of "Miss Mercy Mileage." The scene where Joan Leslie says the Hail Mary and many other scenes in the film came from the Captain's own experiences . . . A lady from Louisiana wrote to me to say she thought I was too hard on the

veteran who wrote complaining about what he felt were obscene sequences in "Flight Nurse." Looking back on what I wrote I agree with her and I apologize to the man. I shouldn't ever fall so in love with my own opinions that I'm harsh with those who disagree with me. I'll try not to fall into the same fault again . . . A lady from California wrote to tell me of a Christopher plan for improving movies that she's started in her home town. I'll tell you all about it soon for it is another in the constructive efforts to improve our entertainment that I hope will soon spread over all the nation . . . For the many of you who have written me with too-kind comments, I thank you, pray that I can live up to your expectations and beg your prayers.

HOW TO MARRY A MILLIONAIRE (Twentieth Century Fox)—This is a film about the preparation of three young women to receive one of the Seven Sacraments. This preparation consists of a campaign of deceit and trickery, financed by misrepresentation and theft. For their insidious lack of virtue the three young women are rewarded with worldly happiness and wealth. This quite baldly and factually is what this film is about. To be fair I must tell you that the Legion of Decency lists this film as unobjectionable for adults and the reviewer of one Catholic magazine praised it as adult comedy, but to my mind it is a completely objectionable travesty on a Sacrament. Without hesitation or qualification, I urge you to shun it.

CAPTAIN'S PARADISE (United Artists)—This is another attack upon the Sacrament of Matrimony. Alex Guinness, who can be a very amusing man, is captain of a ship

that makes daily runs from Gibraltar to Algeria. He has a wife at each port. This is passed off as an ideal situation. The reviewer for The Saturday Review of Literature praised Guinness' acting because he makes the staid husband of Gibraltar an entirely different person from the playboy husband of Algeria. For me this was precisely the failure of Guinness' portrayal. No sane person—and probably no insane person—is two entirely different individuals. Guinness' portrayal missed the subtle characterization that could have given the portrayal integrity. Anyhow you can make a point by missing this film, which will probably only play the art houses anyhow. Bigamy isn't a subject for light approval.

GIVE A GIRL A BREAK (MGM)—This pleasant musical stars Marge and Gower Champion. There are no big names but this is by far the best film I saw this week. The music is good, the dance sequences show originality. I recommend it to the family for a pleasant evening of relaxation. I'm sure everyone will enjoy it. The story isn't much. Three young ladies—Debbie Reynolds is one of the three and a pleasant young lady she is—are trying to get the starring role in a Broadway musical. Just to show you how different this movie is from the two I've just told you about, the young lady who could have had the role turns it down so she can be with her husband. You'll be pleased with this film.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY (United Artists)—George Jessel has always seemed to me to be singularly unfunny. I've seen him on the stage, in the movies and on TV and in all three mediums he has seemed to be a bore. But his narration of this collection of films dating back to the turn of the century made me laugh. This family film will be a second feature on some double bill. Whether you go or not should be determined by the other film on the bill. Chances are you'll enjoy this but it isn't worth your trouble by itself.

EL ALAMEIN (Columbia)—You see there was this civilian, played by Scott Brady, and he went out in a tank with some assorted United Kingdom soldiers. They got lost on the desert but this American was quite a fellow. Under his leadership, this single tank took over an entire Italian fortification, manned by hundreds. Then the gallant American destroyed a German ammunition dump, captured or killed much of Rommel's army and, with a little help from General Montgomery and a thousand other tanks, won the war in Africa. Benny Rubin, of all persons, plays an Arab taxi driver in this. Everything else I can believe, this I can not. Scott Brady could win a war singlehanded but Benny Rubin an Arab?—this is too much.

THE NEBRASKAN (Columbia)—Far be it from me to throw deserving Indians out of work but won't they ever stop making these western movies about Indians and soldiers? This adult film differs only in that there is a chase at the beginning of the film as well as

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the end. I recommend it only to Indians, who might go on the chance they may see a relative.

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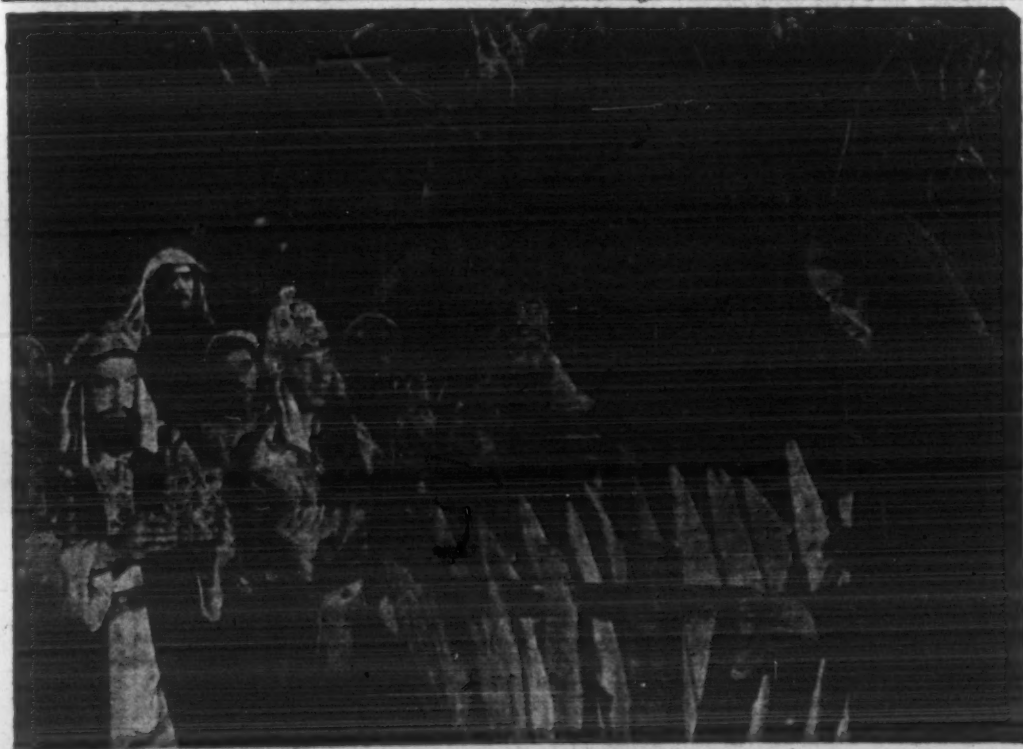
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Brother Michael's Quiz

Read this week's installment of BROTHER MICHAEL'S MAGIC carefully. Then try to answer each of the following questions. You may use your catechism or other books to help find the answers. Five right is excellent; four right, very good; three right, passing; two right, poor; and if you get less than two correct Brother Michael is ashamed of you!

- 1: What is Lesson Thirteen in the Catechism?
- 2: How many years after Christ's Ascension had passed when the Apostle James was martyred?
- 3: In whose home was Rhoda a servant girl?
- 4: How did the Apostle James die?
- 5: What is meant by the Communion of Saints?

Answers on page 12



FAMILY THEATER'S CHRISTMAS TV FILM TO BE VIEWED BY NATION — At the end of their search, the Three Wise Men kneel and offer their gifts to the Infant Christ. The above scene is from the Family Theater's annual Christmas TV film, "A Star Shall Rise." The movie, which tells the story of the journey of the Three Wise Men, will be seen on television stations throughout the country during Christmas Week. "The Joyful Hour," the Family Theater's special star-studded holiday production, will be aired over the Mutual radio network on Sunday, December 20 from 9 to 10 p.m. E.S.T. for the seventh annual Christmas broadcast. The one-hour program of music, drama and prayer will feature Ann Blyth, Jeff Chandler, MacDonald Carey, Rod, O'Connor, Mae Clarke and Francis X. Bushman.

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Book News, Notes And Reviews

Briefs

THE first complete illustrated book to give a personal description of a three-day retreat, *Week End with God*, has been published by David McKay at \$3.00. The book has been endorsed by the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference and carries a preface by Bishop John J. Wright, episcopal adviser to the Retreat Conference. Co-authors of *Week End with God* are John Jewell, a professional artist, and Father Hugh Morley, editor of the *Cowd* magazine. While making one of his annual retreats, Mr. Jewell took hundreds of candid pictures. From them he selected the forty-one which appear in the book. The accompanying text by Father Morley and Mr. Jewell supplies colorful details and vivid impressions to give a complete photo story of a typical three-day retreat from beginning to end.

Booksellers have been authorized by Bennett Cerf, president of Random House, to refund the purchase price of *The Man Who Wouldn't Talk* to any customer requesting same who bought the book prior to November 14. The book, published by Random House and authored by Quentin Reynolds, relates the experiences of one George DuPre as a spy for the Allies during World War II. A Canadian newspaperman investigated the facts, forcing the admission from Mr. DuPre that his fabulous experiences were all a product of his own imagination. The publishers have now placed the book on their fiction list and new editions will contain a foreword by Quentin Reynolds describing how he was taken in by "one of the most ingenious literary hoaxes perpetrated in many a day."

William E. Barrett's *Shadows of the Images*, a novel of racial and religious conflict in a Western

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city, is climbing to the top of the nation's bestseller lists. The novel, published by Doubleday (\$3.75), follows the success of Mr. Barrett's previous bestseller, *The Left Hand of God*.

'The Making Of A Moron' Disturbing, Angrily Written Book With Positive Aids

THE MAKING OF A MORON by Niall Brennan, Shedd & Ward, N.Y., 180 pp., \$2.50.

A war-time experiment in the employment of morons in industrial jobs resulted in the finding that certain types of work were performed more efficiently by sub-normal individuals than by normal workers. This led Australian-born Niall Brennan to wonder at the effects of such work on the normal mind.

To prove his conjectures he undertook an experiment himself from 1946 to 1951. During those years he worked at a number of jobs in mills, factories and large stores. In this book he describes his experiences and draws conclusions which are an indictment of our industrial system and its underlying philosophy.

Mr. Brennan's basic conclusion is that most work required by our mass-production set-up destroys the integrity of man. In fact it makes a moron of him, for it exacts only a part of his nature leaving a spiritual vacuum. This void is then filled up either by an intemperate pursuit of sense pleasures or by a deep-seated resentment at being less than a man which finds its outlet in violence or cruelty.

The author blasts the theory that "brain work" is more fulfilling or interesting, or that a white-collar job is superior to manual work. This fallacy, he says, is the result of our mistaken emphasis on "seeming" rather than on "being." He maintains that brains are necessary for craft work and trades and not necessarily so for white-collar work.

The most spiritually satisfying work, Brennan says, is handcraft, "work done by the hands under the direction of the mind." Here, he asserts, the worker can see the end of the work; he can relate himself to the whole. This is some-

An inexpensive hard-cover edition of *Don Camille and His Flock* by Giovanni Guareschi, has been published by Grosset, 1107 Broadway, New York 10, at \$1.49. The publishers also offer two volumes banded of *Don Camille and His Flock* and *The Little World of Don Camille* for \$2.75.

thing the ordinary laborer or the clerk cannot often do. The handcraftsman, the mason, the carpenter and smith do not sell themselves but their work. Business, rather than recognizing the artist in man, attempts to convert the handcraftsman into a laborer, and the laborer into a horse. It does not employ the whole man but only a "hand," or an "operative," or a "brain."

This is a disturbing, angrily written book protesting the modern dehumanization of man. Its positive contribution is a restatement of the honesty and integrity of work which should be regarded not just as a means of getting money, security, or status, but as a fertilizer of human personality.

Mr. Brennan calls on the individual good employer to grant the just conditions of work, and on the individual workman to return to the idea of vocation, that is, doing his work well and seeing it as his personal contribution to the larger scheme of things. The good man, he insists, "can make a vocation from any work of integrity, and even in some cases, a very good man can drag a work that has lost its integrity back on the right path again."

Books Received

Central Education and the Liberal College, Wm. F. Cunningham, B. Herder Book Co., St. Louis, Mo., \$4.00.

Listen, Sister Superior, John E. Moffatt, S.J., McMullen Books, Inc., 22 Park Pl., New York City, \$2.75.

Our Child... God's Child, Mary Lewis Coakley, Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$3.25.

Betty Cornell's Teen-Age Popularity Guide, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 5th Ave., New York City, \$3.95.

A Treasury of Catholic Thinking, compiled and edited by Ralph I. Woods, Crowell Co., 432 Fourth



'COME, LET US REJOICE...' — Photo shows Les Petits Chanteurs de la Croix de Bois (The Little Singers of the Wooden Cross) singing Christmas carols during Midnight Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris. All over the world, voices, young and old, will be rejoicing in the birthday of Christ.

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Alexis Carrel's

'Reflections On Life'

REFLECTIONS on Life by Alexis Carrel. Translated from the French by Antonia White. Hawthorn Books, N.Y. 205 pp. \$3.00.

Readers of Alexis Carrel's *Man the Unknown* will find in this posthumously published book (a best-seller in France) much of what was said in the earlier book. It contains the noted French scientist's practical philosophy for living. Starting out with the great human problem: how to work for the development of beings superior to any who have inhabited the earth, Dr. Carrel attempts to show the means by which this ideal can be achieved. He lays down the three basic laws of life, deduced not from philosophical principles, but from observation of life itself. These laws are: the conservation of life, the propagation of the race, and the development of the mind.

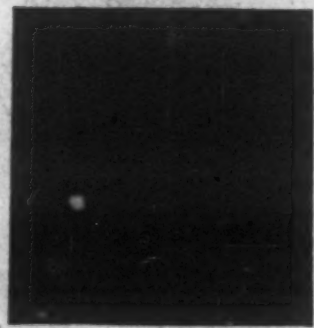
The havoc that has been wrought in modern life, Carrel shows, is a result of disobedience of these laws. For nature always punishes those who transgress her laws. Knowledge of these laws enables man to distinguish clearly between what is good and evil. "Good consists in what conforms to the essential tendencies of our nature. Evil, on the contrary, is that which is opposed to life, to its multiplication or to its spiritual development."

Ave., New York 16, New York, \$3.00.

It is Carrel's thesis that science can give men certain aids to dispose him to do good and avoid evil, that with good techniques "we have the power to mold youth exactly to our desired pattern, for living matter is infinitely plastic." But good scientist that he was, Carrel knew that science alone cannot save man. It is in his integration of science and religion that Carrel is at his best. He shows how science can help man to live but cannot answer the mystery of the origin and end of life. "Science," he says, "does not yet know the nature of spirit." Thus only religion can propose a complete solution to the human problem.

For the questing and the confused, Carrel's discussion of the need of God, prayer, the significance of death, and the ways to achieve integral formation and spiritual transformation will be beacons lighting the way to faith and hope. Carrel's way is the Catholic way, which he says humanity lost four hundred years ago when the spirit of the Middle Ages gave way progressively to the spirit of materialism. The great scientist's tone in damning the "lying, duplicity, apathy and inactivity" of modern life is that of a somewhat bitter old man who lists the ways the world has gone to the dogs, of a Messiah outshouted by barbarians. Make no mistake about it, though. The voice that cries the way to success in life and salvation is clear, urgent, and resonant with authority.

TO OUR NEEDIEST FAMILIES



Recently Monsignor McMahon was at this distribution center in Lebanon and helped fill FOOD PACKAGES for our REFUGEE FAMILIES. At Christmas we hope to send one in Jesus' name to our NEEDIEST FAMILIES. They are all exiles driven from their homes in the land of His birth. Won't you help us send one (\$10)? The Babe will consider it a precious gift for HIS BIRTHDAY. For each gift of \$10 or more we offer a ROSARY made from OLIVE SEEDS grown in the GARDEN at Mt. Olivet. Our refugees make them.

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Few are the Christians in Iraq. Fewer still are the priests. That's why THOMAS' vocation is so precious. He just started the six years training for the priesthood at the Seminary at Mossoul, but his parents are too destitute to help him with the yearly cost (\$160) of his training. Won't you help? He will forever keep you in his prayers and future Masses and labors.

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A Christmas Story

He Stoops To Conquer

REV. VINCENT F. HOLDEN, C.S.P.



ODAY we stand on the threshold of Christmas, a great season of rejoicing, of happiness, of exchanging gifts, a time when we put behind us our cares and worries and join in the joyous refrain "Merry Christmas."

And you know whenever I come to this season, I always remember a man whom I once knew, a man whom I shall call Donald. To him, Christmas was never a joyful, happy occasion, but a time when you had to give gifts, spend hours addressing and mailing silly sentimental Christmas cards, forcing smiles and mouthing season's greetings that you didn't mean but which you were expected to give—just a forced, artificial gaiety that left you hollow and empty and sick at heart.

Yes, he knew the Nativity scene, but he found no beauty, no inspiration, no meaning in it. To him, the fact that anyone, much less the Christ Child would come into the world in such poverty and hardship was a distressing, disturbing thought. And so he tried to ignore it, pass over it, rather than learn anything from it until one Christmas Eve.

That evening he sat in his living room after he had finished his day's work, dimmed the lights and glanced out his window. He saw the brightly colored decorations in the street below; the soft white snow crunched beneath the treads of passing cars and the hurried feet of last minute shoppers. He noticed women with their gaily wrapped bundles, safely tucked under their arms, with their smiles of achievement now that the last gifts had been bought.

Foolish people, he thought, why do you wear such a smile of contentment? Why do you seem so happy? What is there to be happy about? This is just another day in the long grind of a year that will go on as long as you can hold your head up and pump blood into that vital organ—the heart. Yes, the heart, the symbol of love, warmth and affection. How grossly overstated that idea. How sentimental and silly that notion. How very unreal, for life is harsh and bitter and exacting.

In disgust he turned from his window, lit a cigar and sank into his chair. The thoughts that passed through his mind were as cloudy and confused as the smoke he blew into the air. A gust of wind passed gently through the room from the slightly opened window clearing the puffy cloud. Watching the smoke pass into the darkness, he stopped thinking of the foolish conventional mob. Soon he lost contact with the world outside. The noise seemed to lessen and then die away. The night had become quiet and peaceful, freed from the cares and the worries of the day. Then off in the distance and gradually growing stronger, he heard the strains of Christmas music.

The carollers were singing Christmas hymns out on the streets as they passed from house to house. He listened as they sang: "Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace."

As the last notes of that melody trailed off into the stillness of the evening, his mind went back to that first Christmas night, the night that Christ was born. He remembered that scene from the gospel narrative and now he began to reconstruct it. In his mind's eye, he saw the cave out on the hillside. The night was clear and cold and the sheep and the oxen were moving slowly out of its grasp into the protective shelter of the cave. Two figures, a man and a woman, were slowly wending their way into that same shelter.

The man carried a lantern whose light pierced the darkness of the cave. He arranged the straw in the manger, moved it around, shook it up and down to loosen any dirt that might have mixed with it, tried to make it as soft and fluffy as he could. Then the woman placed a clean, white cloth upon it. There was a quiet, restful

silence. Moments later, her new born son opened His tiny infant eyes in the cold, comfortless cave. She wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes and placed Him reverently, gently, lovingly in His first crib—a manger. Then both knelt in rapt adoration and worship. Christ the Incarnate God was born.

There is life, Don thought to himself. Christ the King of the Universe, He Who formed the heavens and the earth, without a home in which to be born. How many times that night this infant's mother and foster-father heard the answer to their pleas for lodgings—there is no room. Just the beginning of a life that was to be lived in poverty, suffering and sorrow.

Other lives after His would find the same thing—the tantalizing monotony of boring days and nights of struggle and conflict. Perhaps that is why there were no friends to herald His birth, no trumpet and fanfare to proclaim "A King is Born!" Mankind shunned suffering, deplored poverty and carefully avoided those in want. Yes, he thought, Christ is born, alone, far from the joyous acclaim of His creatures. Is it such a beautiful, inspiring scene?

His reverie is interrupted and he is drawn back to his living room as he hears the voice of the carollers again passing the house and joyously proclaiming "Gloria in excelsis Deo."

He listens carefully to the words: "...Gloria be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee Thanks for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord God, Son of the Father. Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only art most high, O Jesus Christ. Together with the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father. Amen."

A beautiful hymn, he murmurs, the Gloria. "Were not the opening lines of that hymn sung by the angels on the first Christmas night?" he asks himself. "To be sure. That's what the Gospel narrative says. Then I was wrong when I said there was no one to herald the birth of Christ—the angels did. If I remember correctly there was a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and singing Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth to men of good will."

But these were not the words that caught Don's attention on that memorable Christmas Eve, more memorable than any he had ever known. Here were the phrases that reverberated over and over in his mind and pounded relentlessly upon his brain for understanding: "Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art the Lord; Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father."

Yes, he thought, that is the nature of God. Absolutely sinless, with every conceivable perfection, no defect or flaw of any kind, omnipotent in His power, unlimited in His knowledge, tremendous in His glory, awe-inspiring in His beauty. As the prophet said of Him, He was the "High and Holy one that inhabiteth eternity." (Is. 57:15)

As Don pondered this thought, his mind strained to catch the real and deep meaning of every adjective he knew to describe the nature of God. He was reaching desperately towards the inaccessible. His finite mind trying to comprehend the Infinite. He struggled with the idea of a God of majesty and power, distinct from and independent of the humanity He had created. God aloof, untouchable; man sick with suffering and with sorrow.

Then he shifted from this thought to a fearsome God, one of absolute Beauty annoyed and dismayed by sinful and sin-loving creatures, waiting to wreak vengeance upon them for their failure to live lives of virtue and goodness, a sort of divine policeman, as one author pictured Him with a big stick waiting to pounce upon His creatures if they made a mistake.

Between these two ideas of a distant, majestic God and a vengeful, exacting Deity, Don's thoughts shuttled back and forth, miles removed from the Christ of Bethlehem that had whisked him into such abstractions. Soft strains of music finally broke through his meditations as he heard the carollers making another visit to his neighborhood.

He paused to catch the melody as they sang "A Child is Born." He got up from his chair and moved over toward the window, something stirring within him. The words came clearly through the frosty night:

"A Child is born in Bethlehem And joy is in Jerusalem His form a stable doth defend Whose kingdom is without an end."

Before they left, the carollers in unison sent up a rousing "Merry Christmas."

Without thinking Donald slipped his hand into his pocket and tossed into their midst all the coins he had. He didn't know why he did it—it was so unlike him—he didn't even stop to analyze his motives. Then he began humming softly to himself the closing lines of the carol, "His form, a stable doth defend, whose kingdom is without an end."

Watching the carollers turning the corner, he asked himself: Why do people become so happy about Christmas and the Nativity? Because God became a man in a

stable? No, that scene wasn't joyous. It was appalling. As he turned away from the window, thinking of ways more worthy for God's entrance into life, lines he had read somewhere were running through his memory. "In a narrow stable, in infant clothes, in a cattle trough! Why are You there, and why are You fed like a baby? Why are You so quiet in Your Mother's arms?"

Yes, that was the question, why? If he could find the place where he read those lines, he might also discover some explanation that would satisfy him. Were they in a book or magazine on his shelves? He glanced toward them and his eyes caught the title of Oliver Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer." Suddenly, in a flash, he saw it all. There, there was the answer. He stooped to conquer. He wanted to win the human heart and what better way than coming as a tiny helpless babe.

For centuries mankind had thought of God as a Creator of tremendous power and majesty, a God of fear before whose voice they trembled and hid their faces. But if God were only that, thought Donald, He would have come with the sound of a mighty thunder and with shooting stars lighting the sky and His birth place a royal castle more splendid than the Taj Mahal. Then men would have marvelled, they would have been awestricken, but they would never have been won. God wanted them

... About Christmas Carols

T. J. McINERNEY

IF the vast number of people who engage in Christian caroling were more literal there would be more dancing in the streets and elsewhere during Yuletide—and less singing. For "carol" is actually a Latin word, meaning "to dance in a ring." It was the custom in 14th century Germany, for instance, for a mother to rock her baby's cradle while the family and friends sang and danced around them during the Christmastide.

The modern practice of outdoor Christmas caroling, still prevalent in rural areas, is a carryover from the wandering minstrels who gradually spread the practice from country to country. It wasn't always looked upon with favor, however—in England, the Puritans banned "caroling" during the 17th century, but the custom flourished underground.

By the 19th century, most churches had adopted the singing of Christmas carols as part of their Yuletide services. The first "American" Christmas carol was written in 1837 by Rev. John Henry Hopkins. Its title: "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

The most popular of all carols is "O Come, All Ye Faithful"—sometimes called "The Portuguese Hymn," because its music is by Marco Portogallo, chapelmaster to the king of Portugal in 1785. Historians differ over whether the words were known as early as the

13th or 17th century. It has been translated into 75 different languages.

"Silent Night," another favorite carol, was first heard in 1818 in the village of Oberndorf, Austria. The parish priest, Joseph Mohr, wrote the words and Franz Gruber, the village organist, set them to music. A few years later, a visitor to the village at Christmas left with a copy and the carol was shortly being heard everywhere.

An unknown 16th century Englishman was responsible for both words and music of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." They were adapted to carol singing in the late 19th century by Sir John Stainer, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, who also arranged many lesser-known Christmas carols.

The author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was unknown for several years because Bishop Phillips Brooks of Philadelphia, who wrote it in 1868 after a visit to the Holy Land, forgot to sign it.

Isaac Watts wrote many poems and religious essays, but he also composed the carol, "Joy to the World," in 1719. It is based on the 97th Psalm, and the melody is from Handel's immortal "Messiah."

While nothing is known about the origin of the familiar and ancient Welsh carol, "Deck the Hall," it was once used by Mozart for a piano-violin duet.

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to know His kindness, not His power. He was seeking their love, not their fear. This was how He would do it.

Donald's thoughts were coming quickly and clearly now as he began to realize the real meaning of Bethlehem. There he saw the strategy of God. What could be more lovable and captivating than a little infant, soft and tender, born in a stable on a bed of straw with His poor young mother bending over Him—and the animals nearby. Who could hesitate to come close to that Child? Who would feel afraid and terrified in His presence? No one. Yes, this was God's plan to win man's love. He would prove that He so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son in a way that all mankind could clasp Him to their hearts.

Yes, thought Donald, Christmas is God's gift of love and how I have missed it all these years. Stupid of me, blocked by a blind-spot. All I saw in December 25th was fancy packages, red crystal, green trees, holly and wreaths but never the love of God.

I saw a crib and the Christ Child with poverty, want and inconvenience and I railed against the sentimentality that idealized and glorified such degradation, without realizing the love that prompted it, without seeing the tiny hands stretched out to draw us to Himself.

All I could see was God debasing Himself, but never God stooping to conquer. That is why I missed the joy of Christmas. But now I know and can truly and sincerely say in the words of the carol:

"Beside Thy cradle here I stand, Thou that ever livest, and bring Thee with a willing hand the gifts Thou givest. Accept my tears, my mind and heart, my soul, my strength, my every part as Thou from me requirest."

That, my friends, is the story of Donald. Perhaps there are others like him in the world today, so blinded by tinsel and holly that they cannot see the light of divine love burning in the eyes of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Their world is very dark, very gloomy. They have never known a God of love.

You know there is a story told of a little girl who dreamt that an Angel came to a Christmas tree and extinguished every light but one at the top of the tree. He took that light and gave it to the child and said: "This is the light of the Christmas spirit of love. Don't ever let it go out or the world will be very dark."

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Santa Claus

A Grand Old Gentleman

JOHN JAY DALY

WHO IS Santa Claus?

This is the question uppermost in the minds of most children at this time of the year, especially on Christmas Eve. Their main concern is why he comes at night, after they have gone to sleep. They want to know also why he comes down the chimney. What they want to do, most of all, is get a good look at the old fellow. They'd like to see him placing all those gifts, under the Christmas tree and over the mantle.

"Who is Santa Claus, Mommie?" a child asks and neither Mommie nor Daddie is able to tell the true story of this famous old fellow.

Santa Claus, to most people, is just a name. Or, the Spirit of Christmas.

Yet, Santa Claus is a very real person. Indeed he is. As real as George Washington.

Trouble is, Santa Claus has another name—Saint Nicholas.

Throughout the ages the world called Santa Claus by his saintly name, given to him when he lived in Asia Minor. That was back in the third century.

Since then the life of this great saint has been so swamped with myths, legends, tales and fables that the true story is hard to come by, as the saying goes. He has been immortalized in Art and Music. Pictures and songs have given glimpses of the old gentleman, but glimpses only.

"Santa Claus is coming to town," they sing.

You see him with his reindeer, a big, fat, jovial old fellow, red cheeks, flashing blue eyes, wavy white hair, and a beard that comes down over his fur-lined coat collar. He is the happiest man in all this world, giving gifts to those he loves—little boys and girls.

Well, who is he? Who is Santa Claus?

As a boy he was called Nicholas. His parents were very wealthy. They lived in Patara, Lycia, Asia Minor. 'Twas there Nicholas died, December 6, 345 A. D.

St. Nicholas was the name by which Santa Claus was first known. In Germany, the grown-ups called him Sankt Nicholas. The children called him Sankt Claus. They still do.

In Holland, the Dutch called Santa Claus San Nicolas. Here is where you really get to the root of the name Santa Claus.

Say, as the Dutch do, San Nicolas. Say it fast. Say it faster. Say it as rapidly as you can, and repeat it several times. Stress the broad double A of the last syllable. The letter D, or maybe a T, falls into place after you say San and you have the American term Santa Claus. It's that simple.

In The Early Days

But now for the early days of Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas.

This son of wealthy parents decided to dedicate his life to the Church. He wanted to be a priest.

In the Library of Congress in Washington, in the Fine Arts Division, there is an illustration showing the parents of Nicholas standing with him before a monk. He joined one of the earlier orders in the Church, the order not identified.

The young boy took the vow of poverty. With all his wealth he decided to give to the poor whatever his father and mother left him. They were pleased at his decision. They gave him money to buy gifts for those who had little or nothing, especially at Christmas time. And thus he assumed his role as Santa Claus, giver of gifts.

Nicholas was only a young man when he was consecrated Bishop of Myra. That is when he really became the generous soul. What he did with what he had bordered on the miraculous. People knew that he was the chosen of God for this office, the true shepherd. He made a great name for himself by his generous deeds. The populace almost worshipped him. So much so that he had to warn them against idolatry.

At the death of this beloved bishop the entire world paid him homage, hailed him as a saint on

earth even before he was canonized. In Constantinople, Justinian built a church in his honor. He was made the patron saint of Russia, of all places. Now they are trying to forget him over there. He became the patron saint also of Greece, Sicily and the Kingdom of Naples.

If you'll look at a church calendar you'll see that December 6, 1953, the Second Sunday in Advent, is dedicated to Saint Nicholas.

That feast day was established long, long ago. Somewhere in the fifth century. From that time on, the legends began to grow. They were first collected and written in Greek by Metaphrastes in the tenth century. A Latin translator brought out more traditional legends of St. Nicholas a century later. There is an immense amount of ancient and modern literature.

Naturally, it is hard to tell fact from fiction. But it has been established that Italian merchants stole the relics of St. Nicholas, the bones of his body, and brought them from his burial place in Asia Minor to Italy. They are still preserved in the church of San Nicola in Bari, Italy. Up to the present time an oily substance known as Manna di S. Nicola, highly valued for its medicinal powers, is said to flow from them. There have been numerous instances of miracles.

Loved By All

St. Nicholas is the patron of mariners, merchants, bakers, travelers, and children. Especially children. To them St. Nicholas, called Santa Claus, is the greatest character of all, at Christmas time. He is second only to the Christ Child.

In Catholic countries, children have been taught for centuries that they are under the special care of St. Nicholas. They know full well that if they behave and are obedient to their parents St. Nicholas will bring them gifts at Christmas. If they are bad he will come instead with a rod and let 'em have it.

That was before Protestantism. In the fourteenth century in Protestant countries the ministers frowned upon the devotion to the saints. Particularly they picked on good old Saint Nicholas. They said he should not be given credit for bringing gifts. This belonged to God.

So great were these protests that they took effect. Old customs lost their earlier association with the saint. After that, the festival peculiar to St. Nicholas Day became more and more akin to the Christmas celebration on December 25, the birthday of the Christ Child.

As a result of all this, St. Nicholas Day and Christmas Day are now practically one, although the former is celebrated with much fervor in Holland and Belgium. Russia gave up the practice when

Search For A Heroine

Four American soldiers, former prisoners of the Communists in North Korea, are searching for a woman whom they credit with saving their lives, reports Father Joseph W. Connors, Maryknoll Missioner engaged in relief work in Pusan, Korea.

During the bitterly cold first winter of the Korean war, the four men were quartered in a confiscated Maryknoll mission near P'yongyang. An elderly Catholic Korean woman risked her life to smuggle food and tobacco to the seventeen American and ten South Korean sick and wounded prisoners held there. She knew only a few words of English, but she spoke the universal language of prayer. Each time the prisoners saw her she was calmly reciting her rosary.

"We never knew her name," one of the soldiers told Father Connors. "We just called her 'mama-san.' If the four of us who survived ever find her, she will have no worries the rest of her life."

the Bolsheviks took over. American children hear little of such a feast day as December 6th—St. Nicholas Day.

Loved The Lovers

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift giving, how even at this late date he comes silently at night to leave his precious packages and presents is one of the most important in the entire history of his life. And volumes have been written about him.

It seems there was a man who had three daughters. All were very beautiful, but without dowry. In law, dowry is the "portion" or property which a wife brings her husband in marriage. Back in the early centuries this was a most important item. If they had no money or property many girls could not marry the men of their choice.

The father of these three unfortunate maidens had about decided to sell them as slaves. That seemed to him the only way to dispose of them.

St. Nicholas heard of the man's intentions. They did not appeal to the good, kind-hearted saint. So he filled a purse with gold, went quietly by night to the girls' home, and threw his bag of gold through an open window. Then he silently stole away.

Next morning, discovery of the gold enabled the eldest daughter to marry. She had her dowry.

St. Nicholas made the second and third trip to this home. Each time he threw in a bag of gold. After each visit of the saint a daughter got married.

After the saint's last visit the secret got out. The girls' father had been in hiding, watching to see who had brought the gold. His patience was rewarded. He saw St. Nicholas in the act, ran after him, caught him, and thanked him. Naturally, the saint asked the man not to divulge the secret, but human nature got the best of the girls' father. One night in a fit of enthusiasm, wanting to tell how near he had come to greatness, the old fellow divulged the custom of St. Nicholas.

It was then that St. Nicholas actually went into hiding. He didn't want people to thank him for his kindnesses. He wanted to prove a doctrine, that it is more blessed to give than to receive. So, ever after, St. Nicholas deposited his gifts secretly and silently, and no one saw him—not even the children who stay up all night, making out they're asleep. St. Nicholas is wise to them.

And they were wise to St. Nicholas, too. Though they never see him, either as his original self or as Santa Claus, they know his methods. They know, too, that he started the custom of hanging up stockings at Christmas time.

Here's how that got going:

One of the three dowryless maidens, about to be sold as slaves, had taken off her stockings and hung 'em over the head of the bed. When St. Nicholas threw a bag of gold through the open window the gift landed in the girl's stocking. From then on . . .

St. Nicholas' and Santa Claus' other custom, dropping or bringing gifts down the chimney, originated in the same way, and at the same time—with the three young girls playing their roles in that scene, too. One of the bags of gold the good saint dropped came rolling down the chimney.

These are merely a few highlights in the life of St. Nicholas. In the Library of Congress there are all sorts of stories and legends and one remarkable book that, fortunately, got out of Russia in time. Otherwise it might have been burned. This is a book of pictures of St. Nicholas. It came to the Library in 1907. Later it would have been doomed in Moscow. Nine years after this, Czar Nicholas was deposed and Lenin arrived in a sealed German railroad carriage from Switzerland. With the Revolution came Godlessness. Any mention of St. Nicholas was anathema.

Behind the Iron curtain no one knows or cares about Santa Claus. What the Russians should know about the legends and traditions of Christianity is contained in an 80,000-volume library in the Russian Division of the Congressional

Library. This collection once belonged to Mr. Gennadius Vasil'evich Yudin of Krasnojarsk, Siberia. The purchase was made in the nick of time.

What Russia lost, America gained: The answer to the question, Who is Santa Claus? He happens to be patron saint of all the Russians. Some day he'll bring 'em a present. Faith, he will.

Gift To Animals

Kindness, a present given to children on the birth of a baby brother or sister—possibly to forestall jealousy—was extended to the farm animals in German homes on Christmas, the birthday of the universal Little Brother.

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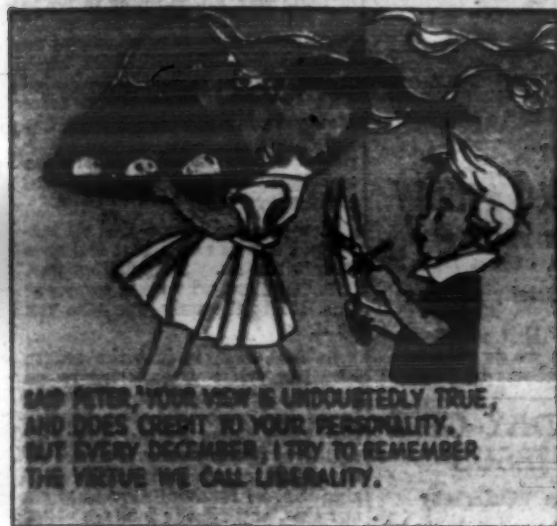
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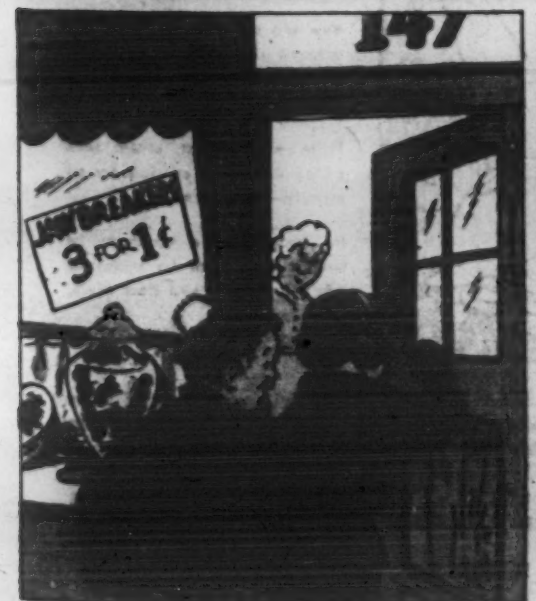
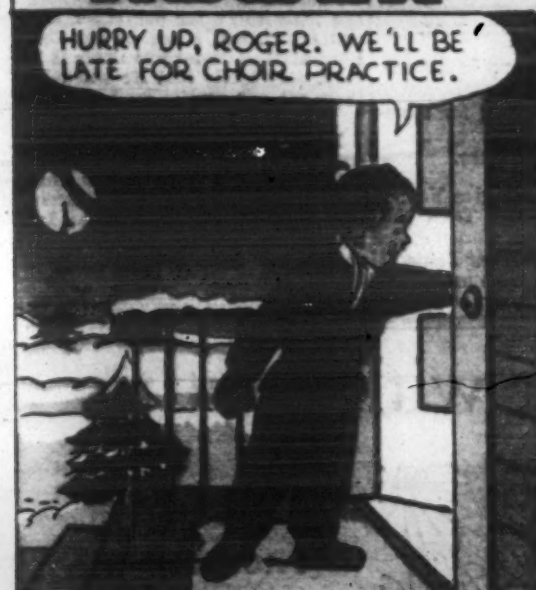
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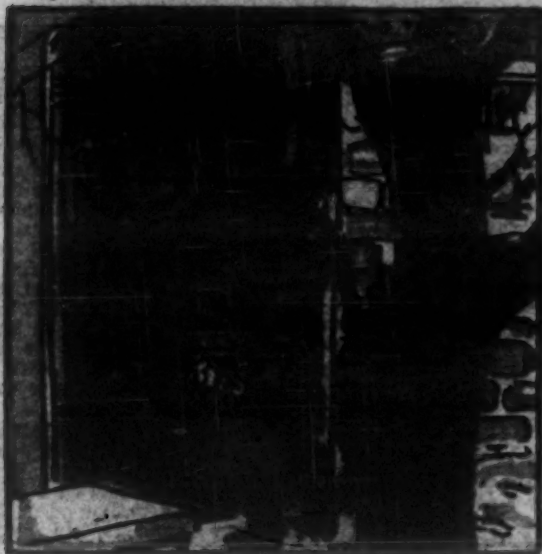
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BROTHER MICHAEL'S Magic

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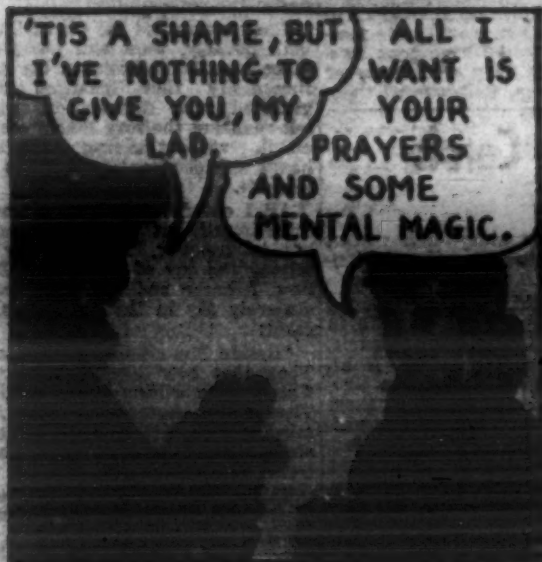
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MERRY CHRISTMAS,
BROTHER MICHAEL!



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WHAT I'LL BE NEEDING
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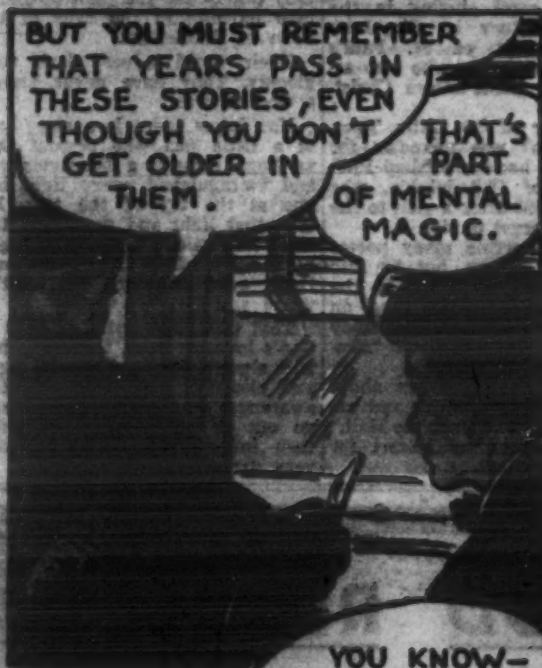
'TIS A SHAME, BUT
I'VE NOTHING TO
GIVE YOU, MY
LAD. ALL I
WANT IS
YOUR
PRAYERS
AND SOME
MENTAL MAGIC.



AHA! COME IN
AND TAKE OFF
YOUR THINGS. LET'S TAKE
LESSON 13,
THE COMMUN-
ION OF SAINTS
AND FORGIVENESS
OF SINS.



IN EVERY MAGIC
STORY, TOMMY,
YOU HAVE A
PART. THAT'S WHAT
I LIKE. I'M
ALWAYS THERE
WHEN IT
HAPPENS—



BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER
THAT YEARS PASS IN
THESE STORIES, EVEN
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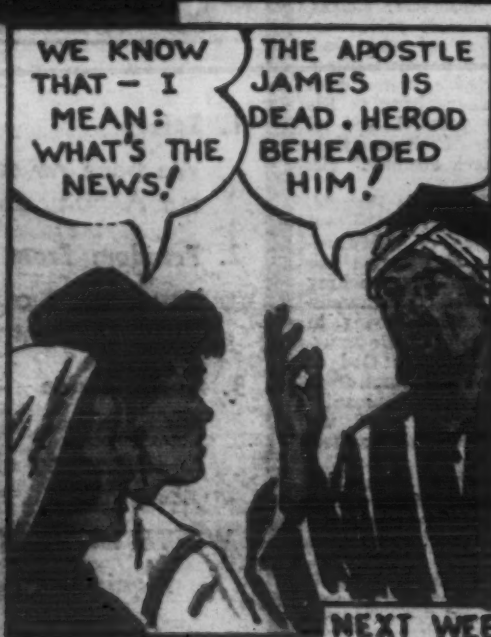
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YOUR NEXT AD-
VENTURE HAPPENS
NINE YEARS
AFTER JESUS
ASCENDED
INTO HEAVEN.



RHODA, THOMAS! I'VE TERRIBLE
NEWS—NEWS THAT WILL BE
FELT BY THE WHOLE COM-
MUNION OF SAINTS.



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?
YOU KNOW—
THE COMMUNION OF
SAINTS—THE UNION OF
THE FAITHFUL ON EARTH,
THE BLESSED IN HEAVEN
AND THE SOULS IN PURGA-
TORY, WITH CHRIST AS
THEIR HEAD.



WE KNOW
THAT—I
MEAN:
WHAT'S THE
NEWS? THE APOSTLE
JAMES IS
DEAD. HEROD
BEHEADED
HIM!



HOW DID IT
HAPPEN? I DON'T
KNOW—BUT
HEROD WANTS
TO KILL ALL THE
APOSTLES!

NEXT WEEK THOMAS WARNS PETER.



**Father
Conroy
Talking**

Christmas Trees

IF you have been reading the papers, you know that there are 22 American G.I.'s in a North Korean prison camp who say they don't want to come home. They claim that they are now communists. Apparently they are irritated at the efforts of even their closest relatives to get them to change their minds. These boys want to forget all about their homes in America, forget that they ever knew anything else but the communist line.

Yet, the other day they asked their communist captors for a Christmas tree to put up in the middle of their prison compound, and the Reds granted their request. Now that the communists have succeeded in winning these boys over on the salient points, a Christmas tree or so probably won't make too much difference.

It's remarkable how these boys could be persuaded to give up everything else from their past. Mother, Dad, little sisters and brothers—their home, friends, former school mates, perhaps teammates on some athletic outfit. And surely there are some of those boys who were regular church goers, who knew what it was to say an occasional prayer. And yet they ask for a Christmas tree.

What's the answer? It's simply because Christmas is the biggest day in the year in America. It's the day when people will travel thousands of miles to "get home for Christmas."

We are known among many foreign peoples for our frivolity, our paganism, our lack of what they call "religious spirit." But come Christmas time and we call a halt in our national schedule. We stop just about everything. Only the most necessary transportation and communications keep going. We mark the day for better or worse but we do mark the day.

The phrase "well, it's Christmas you know" is an excuse for almost anything you want to do. It will allow you to become a sinner or a saint.

Granted that we see many abuses of the real spirit of Christmas. Granted that the Christmas season is just one drunken brawl for a lot of people. Granted that the day has become commercialized to the point where we now have to "put Christ back into Christmas." Granted all of these things, yet there is something about Christmas which compels the average American to stop and observe the day, no matter how he does it.

Symbolic of all this is the Christmas tree. It occupies the most important spot in any home during the holidays. From cradle days, children know the Christmas tree. It marks one of the earliest (and most lasting) memories of any American's life. A Christmas tree means Christmas, whether there is a beautiful little crib artistically situated beneath its branches, or whether Santa Claus is driving his reindeer around on the cotton "snow" at the base of the tree. Even in church you never see a Nativity scene unless it's presided over by a few Christmas trees.

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St. Francis Popularized It

Story Of The Christmas Crib

VERA AND LOUIS FINK



ACCORDING to the best historical records we have, the crib which bore the body of the infant Jesus was made of soft limestone, perhaps lined with straw. This limestone basin was held off the ground by a wooden structure made of six pieces of wood from a sycamore tree. Five of those six pieces of wood—shortened considerably—are now venerated at the Church of St. Mary Major in Rome. They were probably brought there during the reign of Pope Theodore (640-649), who was a native of Palestine and knew that the birthplace of Christ was subject to the raids of marauders.

Unfortunately for us Americans, the sycamore tree of which the crib was made is not the same sycamore tree we know in the United States—the very familiar buttonwood or plane tree, with the bark which peels off all year 'round. Instead, it is the sycamore of Palestine, really a kind of fig tree. This tree, which grows in a rather twisted fashion, is nevertheless used a great deal for construction in its native land. Some attempts have been made to grow it in southern Florida, and it is known as Pharaoh's Fig.

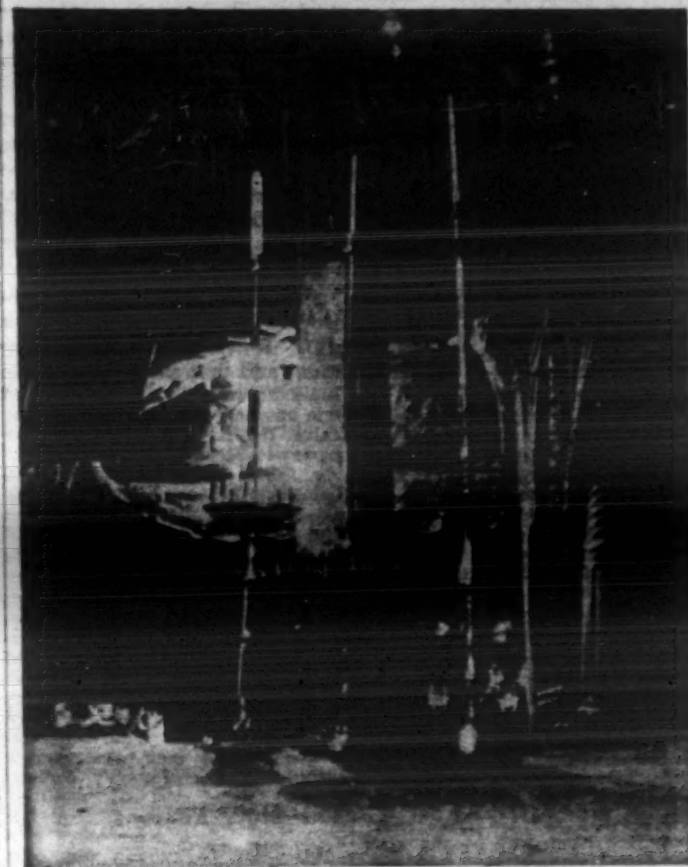
The six pieces of sycamore supported the actual manger, which of course was originally designed for feeding animals. The manger is thought to have been made of the same sort of soft limestone as the very cave or stable in which Christ was born. Our usual replicas, which show the stable as a sort of thatched cottage made of wooden timbers, is not very accurate. Bible scholars believe that Mary and Joseph went out some distance from town when they found they could not get a hotel room in Bethlehem, and made themselves at home in a sort of stable which shepherds used for themselves and their sheep when

the weather got too bad. This stable was nothing more or less than a cave or grotto in the side of the limestone hill.

The tradition that an ass and an ox were present at the Birth of Christ may have started with the words of Isaiah: "The ox knoweth

his owner and the ass his master's crib."

The place of the stable and the manger are marked today in Palestine, and historical writers say there is no evidence to deny the very oldest of traditions as to their actual location. Justin and Origen,



SITE OF THE MANGER AT BETHLEHEM — Photo shows the place of the manger in which Christ was placed after his birth, in the grotto of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Thousands of pilgrims visit this revered shrine during the Christmas festivities in Palestine.

Youth Organized

Nat'l Convention

JACK FINK

THE Second National Catholic Youth Convention was held at the Bradford Hotel in Boston November 5-8. Over 1500 delegates from all over the United States, Canada, the Philippine Islands and Hawaii met to discuss the problems of Catholic Youth today.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Schieder, Director of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, gave the keynote address. He said that "the present generation of American youth is the best in the nation's history and any charges of immorality or delinquency leveled at it should be aimed at its elders. If you are immoral, then we—your elders—made you that way."

Msgr. Schieder said that he has yet to find any youth who are producing immoral pictures, publishing indecent literature, or providing sensual entertainment.

After this formal opening the delegates were given a chance to mix socially at an informal mixer. Here they really cut loose with square dancing, the "hokey pokey," the bunny hop, and just plain round dancing.

It was very quickly seen that there was an abundance of spirit among the delegates. Impossible to miss were the varied costumes and badges with which some of the groups identified themselves, and before the convention was over almost every group was wearing some distinguishing dress or badge. Red felt tyrolean hats with green feathers marked the various Ohio delegations.

A large delegation from Buffalo sported blue denim engineers' caps and canes—for the boys and girls alike. Of course, the Texas delegates were dressed in their usual Texan style, complete down to the real 45s in their holsters. Black cellophane derby hats marked the Newark contingent, while in a spirit of all-out hospitality the

Detroit group wore 5-inch plaques reading "Come up and see me sometime."

But it wasn't all play and no work. On Friday morning, Nov. 6, the delegates attended a dialogue Mass celebrated by the most Rev. Vincent Stanislaus Waters, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh. Following the Mass there was a Communion Breakfast.

After some hilarious community singing led by the congenial Father Thomas Corrigan, Cleveland Diocesan Youth Director, the delegates heard the Rev. Joseph Manton, C.S.S.R., nationally known as a Catholic Hour speaker, tell them why the Church has faith in its youth. Father Manton said:

"There are still people who look at the gifts youth brings to the world and mutter disdainfully. 'These kids—what have they to offer that is worthwhile?' To say this is like tossing a handful of seeds on a glass-topped desk and sneering. 'What good are these?' In that moment and in that place, no earthly good whatever. But give them the right place, the proper surroundings, give them time—and see what they produce! Like a seed, youth is valued not for what it has done, but for what it can do. Like a seed it needs nurturing. And when it comes to the things moral and spiritual, like the youth in the miracle of the loaves, Catholic youth can do wonders if it brings its talents first to Christ."

During the day the delegates broke up into panel discussion groups. There were six panels, presided over by a Bishop and chaired by one of the youth leaders. The delegates discussed new ways to better meetings, membership drive techniques, the lay apostolate, publicity and public relations, diocesan youth conventions, and how to develop a balanced, four fold program.

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two of the very earliest of Catholic writers, mentioned the location of the manger scene. St. Helena—the mother of Constantine—erected a church over the site of the manger, and then Constantine provided even more magnificent decorations.

Over the centuries, thieves have taken most of the adornments, but the traditional spot of Christ's birth is still marked with a star

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Young Readers and Writers



ALMA SAVAGE, Children's Page Editor

Letter from Alma

A YOUNG friend of mine was talking with a group of people about art. He made it so interesting, and what he said made so much sense to me, that I thought I would like to share it with our young readers.

He said that art is not just a thing that you go to a museum to see, but that it is a language. Just as music is a language that comes through the ears, art is a language that reaches us through our eyes, and that it is a natural way for our human nature to realize the things all about us.

Before going further I might as well tell you the name of this young artist—it is Gerald Bonnette (they call him Jerry), and only last year he graduated with a degree in Art from St. John's University in Minnesota. That is a long way from his home for he lives in Burlington, Vermont.

As is customary for people who are especially interested in their life work, Jerry likes to talk about art and does so well—and what is more, he has a knack of drawing out others, and getting them to express their ideas on the subject. I'm sure that the people who have found the one thing they'd rather work at than anything else in the world are indeed fortunate people. And Jerry is one of them. You can tell by his conversation how much he loves working at art. His field is religious art, and he wants to do statues: in fact he has already made a number of lovely pieces which critics who knew about such things speak of with great respect.



Jerry was saying how much fun it is for us to make a creche at this time of the year, and that anybody can do it. So I asked him if he would tell us how our young readers could go about this, even those who had no experience in making such things.

"First of all," he began, "it would be a good thing to buy a package of sheets of various colored papers, or make use of an old magazine with colored pages of advertisements."

"Your young readers can start by taking a flat piece of colored paper (this background sheet should be rather heavy). Now in your imagination divide the width of the sheet into four parts. Next fold both ends of the page over to meet at the center. In this way the middle section is covered, and the bent sides allow the paper to stand up by itself."

"Now draw a very simple picture of the Baby Jesus in the crib on the back of a sheet of colored paper, then cut it out. Then paste it, colored side up, on the middle section of your background paper. Next cut out Our Lady in another color (blue if you have it) and St. Joseph in another, and paste them on either side of the crib. After you have mounted these three figures, you can have great fun cutting out animals and shepherds and trees and stars and anything you want, then pasting them on the side flaps of the paper."

Jerry pointed out too that it is a good thing for all of us to have a crib in our homes for Christmas, for that is the symbol of Our Lord's birth in the stable in Bethlehem. After we first try to understand the tremendous meaning of His birth, then we can have all the Christmas trees and stockings and presents and holly that happen to come our way—but first we must know that if it weren't for Our Lord's birth we wouldn't have any Christmas at all. We ought to put first things first, and that's what we do when we have the creche with the Baby Jesus as the center of our Christmas celebration . . . and of our lives through the year.

Hester and the Gnomes

MARGOLD HUNT

CHAPTER TEN

WHEN Hester as well as Constance spoke to him in cat language, the President was delighted, but he soon discovered that Hester could not understand his cat talk very well, and that she could only say a few words in it herself. Constance had to be their interpreter, and she was too young to be good at it.

"Tell him," said Hester to her, "that he is very welcome—we are delighted he has come, and we hope he will stay a very long time. And ask him where he came from and if he is hungry."

"That's enough!" said Constance. "For goodness sake, give a kitten a chance!" Then, slowly and awkwardly, she translated, and then told Hester what the President answered.

He bowed and bowed and said they were too kind, and since they were so good as to inquire, he was remarkably hungry, having come a very long journey, all the way from the river Torg.

"Torg?" said both Hester and Constance. "Where on earth is that?"

The poor President didn't feel equal to explaining. "If I might sit down," he said, "and perhaps rest for a little, I shall be happy to go into the matter, but really I am so tired, I hardly know what I am saying."

"Poor little thing!" said Hester. "Tuck him up in one of my bedroom slippers, Constance, and I'll go and find something for him to eat. I wonder what he usually eats? He looks as if he would like catcake, but goodness knows what he calls it. Anyway, I'll get some milk and catcake."

"Milk for me too!" said Constance.

"Greedy thing!" said Hester. But she came back from her expedition to the larder with a jug of milk, a cup and saucer and a plate of cat-



cakes. She hadn't eaten any supper, what with feeling so sad, and felt quite ready for something herself, with Constance and the President for company. He drank his milk from Hester's thimble and ate his tiny scrap of catcake from the top of a cold cream jar. He was sitting up, very cozily, in one of Hester's fleece-lined bedroom slippers, and eating his supper with great enjoyment, especially as he had never had milk before and found it a fascinating drink. (Next time you are drinking milk, pretend you never tasted it before, and you will see how interesting it seemed to him.)



When they were all finished, Constance said softly, "I may take him and show him to my mama tomorrow, mayn't I?"

"We will all go together," said Hester sleepily. "Good night, little man." But the President didn't answer. He was already sound asleep.

(To be continued)

No Steadies . . . But Lots Of Friends

CECILIA WADE

Dear Jones:

HAVE you thought any more about friendship? I know there are many things to think about at Christmas-time. Our parish Friendship Club combined Christmas and Friendship in an informal discussion at the meeting this week. The very best ideas of all were presented by our own Daddy, who had been asked to "sit in" on the meeting in the absence of our pastor, who was ill.

"What happened when the Babe was born in the cave at Bethlehem?" Daddy asked the group. Then he answered his own question. "People were drawn to the cave, and those people in turn left the cave with their hearts warmed and expanded to include other men. A few apostles of friendship went forth from the cave then and spread the fellowship among men that comes of true friendship with God."

Believe me, I was humbly proud to be my Daddy's daughter. He really held the attention of the teen-agers present.

"May the Babe of Bethlehem be reborn in our hearts this Christmas," Daddy continued. "Then we shall draw people to us because of the inner warmth that is of Christ. Those people, warmed at the hearthfire of our breast, in turn will go into the world to warm and comfort others with Christian friendship."

Now here is a very revealing remark a girl made to me after our Friendship Club meeting. This girl had been one who argued that "going steady" was necessary to a girl's social life. (Of course, our pastor is strictly against steady dating, and for good reasons.)

"Friendship is a kind of challenge," this girl said. "When you plan ways and means to make more and more friends, it gets to be a 'fun game.' The way it looks now, I don't think I'll want to tie myself down with a steady boy friend for years yet. I've changed my mind about some things since I learned about friendship . . ."

It looks as if our pastor has had a prayer answered for Christmas. Who knows what our apostolate of friendship may do for all of us!

Till next week,
Anne

All Depends . . .

Will the world as we have known it stand or fall? It depends in a great measure upon America and the fundamental principles of its culture. It is high time, then, that we awake from our indolence and begin searching anew for the lasting values of life. For the present crisis is a great opportunity of finding in a deep scrutiny of human hearts the adequate spiritual remedies of the world's plight.

—Father Gerald N. Glynn

Chats Out Of Church
Hands And The Eucharist

FATHER RAY GRIBBIN

Hello Girls And Boys!

AFTER the priest says the first prayer of the Canon of the Mass the altar boy rings the bell, just once. Usually he doesn't know what prayer the priest is saying at this time. But he still knows when to ring the bell. He knows this because he has been taught to ring it when the priest extends his hands, palms downward, over the bread and the wine.

Now if you would take a minute to think about it, you would discover that this is not the only time the priest uses his hands in such a way. When he visits your house and everyone kneels down for his blessing he may hold his

hands over your heads in the same way. He is showing, in a way that you can see, that he is calling Our Lord's blessing down upon you. And you may have noticed when he baptized your little brother that he did the same thing several times during the ceremony.

When the bishop confirmed you he held his hands over your head too. He was then calling the Holy Ghost down upon you. And if you are a boy, and you grow up to be a priest, the bishop will again hold his hands over your head to give you the powers of the priesthood.

At Mass, then, the priest must have a reason for holding his hands over the bread and the wine. What is that reason?

Well, let's talk first about the very ancient days before Our Lord came to earth. In those days the Jews had a strange custom. They knew that they had sins on their souls. And they wanted to get rid of their sins. So, in order to try to get rid of their sins, they would make signs of putting their sins on a goat, a real, live goat. Then, when the goat was supposed to be loaded with their sins, they would drive him out into the desert to die. They thought that the goat carried their sins far away from them and that when he died the sins could never come back to them.

Now you and I know that we cannot put our sins on a goat and have them taken away from us that way. It is Our Lord who takes away our sins. He is the only One who can do it.

In fact, that is just the reason why the priest extends his hands over the bread and the wine. This bread and wine will soon become Our Lord. Soon, on our altar, we will have Calvary all over again. So the priest extends his hands as a sign that he is giving Our Lord all our sins, and all our faults, so that He may help us to be free of them.

We all know, of course, that we must also confess our mortal sins. It is not enough to ask Our Lord at Mass to free us from them. But we should never forget that if we are truly sorry for our other sins and faults, and if we do ask Our Lord at Mass to forgive them, it is very, very likely that He will take them off our soul.

In 13th-century England grain was exposed on Christmas Eve to gain fertility from the dew that would fall in response to *Marate Coeli*—the first words of the Introit on the Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above . . ."



The Blessed Trinity

KATHY FRUIN

St. Thomas School, Crystal Lake, Ill.

THE Blessed Trinity is three in one, Father, Holy Ghost and Son, Dear Jesus, help me to be good, To pray and act just as I should.

A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR JESUS

Martha Ann Wiederkehr

St. Scholastica Academy, Fort Smith, Ark.

WHAT can I give You, dear Jesus,

For Your birthday this year? I'd like to give You something special,

And it's getting pretty near.

Some lovely gift tied up in ribbons, Appeals the most to me,

But I should be looking for something That will appeal to Thee.

So I guess I'll have to give You, What I had planned from the start,

I'll give you all love, dear Jesus, That comes right from my heart.

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You who have left all things and followed Me shall receive a hundredfold and shall possess life everlasting.—Matt. 19:29.

Those who instruct others unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity.—Dan. 12:3.

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Something Special For Christmas

CHRISTMAS is the time to really use your imagination on food. The traditional colors of red and green are so easy to work with in planning festive meals so make use of the foods of those colors and add garnishes of red and green to those dishes of other colors.

This doesn't mean you'll want to overdo it, but do try your hand at giving your meal that professional touch. Prepare ahead as much as you can so that you'll have time to give to adding the garnishes and the little extras that turn a plain good meal into something really extra.

Maybe some of the suggestions here will help you add glamour to your Christmas table. Have fun fixing the extras! **HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!**

Garnishes

Try filling peach halves with uncooked cranberries and a holly leaf or two to dress up the turkey platter.

Nestle clusters of maraschino cherries stuffed with almonds in sprigs of parsley and add color to the ham.

Top a plum pudding with whole maraschino cherries and a bit of citron cut like a holly leaf.

Sprinkle the mashed potatoes with stars cut from pimiento.

Frost grapes to add glamour to your salad mold. Cut grapes into small clusters, 6 or 8 to clusters. Dip in egg white which has been whipped until frothy, then dip in granulated sugar; let dry on waxed paper.

Decorate your butter pats with the tiniest bit of a sprig of parsley and a minute piece of pimiento. (Use the stuffing from a stuffed olive.)

Sprinkle plain vanilla ice cream with green coconut. (Pour 1 tablespoon water and a few drops of green food coloring in a glass jar; add ¼ cup coconut and shake well.)

Hard Sauce Decorations

Don't just add a "glob" of hard sauce to the plum pudding. Make snow men or Christmas trees. Make them the day before your dinner, or if you have a freezer, make them tomorrow and freeze them.

HARD SAUCE SNOWMEN

½ cup softened butter or margarine
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
¼ teaspoon vanilla
Beat butter until light; gradually add sugar until thoroughly blended. Add vanilla. Form into 6 ¼-inch balls and 6 1¼-inch balls. Place a small ball on top of a large one to form head and body. Use cloves for eyes, nose and buttons and colored candy for a hat. Makes 6 snowmen.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Use the same basic recipe. Make small cone-shaped molds from paper or use paper drinking cups, cutting them 2 inches deep. Fill cups with the fresh hard sauce. Chill; pull away paper and trim with colored sugar. Makes 8 2-inch trees.

Cranberry Dishes

Those versatile little red berries, cranberries, are always available either fresh or canned. They are traditional accompaniments to most festive meals. Try them, either fresh or canned, in new ways to add color and flavor to your menus. The recipe for Cranberry Cole Slaw was sent to me by the home economist of Eatmore Cranberries, Inc., packers of fresh cranberries. She says the Pilgrim women served it with Sunday codfish dinners. It is so good I wouldn't hesitate to serve it with the Holiday bird.

CRANBERRY COLE SLAW

1 cup Eatmore fresh cranberries
2 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup chopped red apples
2 teaspoons lemon juice
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup mayonnaise
Chop fresh cranberries; add cabbage, apples, lemon juice and sugar. Toss lightly with mayonnaise until well mixed; chill. Serves 4 to 6.

Cranberry Velvet

Cranberries are canned in either whole cranberry sauce or the jellied sauce, with skin and pulp removed. Juice is canned as cocktail and makes a wonderful basis for punches. Up in Hanson, Massachusetts, the center of the cranberry industry, the girls work the year round in the Cranberry Kitchen to develop new recipes for using canned cranberries. This Cranberry Velvet is colorful and can be prepared the day before. Serve it with your favorite Christmas cookies.

¼ pound marshmallows
1 pound can whole cranberry sauce
1 cup crushed pineapple
2 tablespoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup whipping cream
Snip marshmallows into small pieces with scissors; combine with cranberry sauce, pineapple, lemon juice and salt. Fold in cream which has been whipped until stiff. Pour into freezing tray and place in freezing compartment until ready to serve. Serves 6 to 8.

Christmas Punch

2 pints cranberry juice cocktail
1 pint lime sherbet
Chill cranberry juice cocktail until serving time. Pour into punch bowl. Spoon lime sherbet into juice. Serve at once. Serves 10 to 12.

Frozen Cheese Salad

A hearty salad such as this frozen salad does away with dessert at our house. We end our meal with nuts and candies and serve a dessert later in the day. My family likes this better for they say

they don't feel "stuffed" all afternoon. Maybe you'd like to try it.
½ pound American cheddar cheese, grated
2/3 cup boiled salad dressing
Dash of salt
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 cup diced fresh strawberries
2 bananas, sliced thin
1 cup diced orange sections
1 cup whipping cream

Grate the cheese very fine. Mix salad dressing with salt, sugar and lemon juice. Combine cheese, dressing mixture and fruit, tossing lightly together; fold in cream which has been whipped until stiff. Pour into a freezing tray; garnish the top with slices of strawberries or maraschino cherries. Place in freezing compartment of refrigerator until solid enough to unmold and slice. Serve on bed of watercress. Serves 6 to 8. Make individual Christmas wreaths of this mixture. Place a ring of strawberries and green citron in the bottom of individual ring molds then fill with the salad mixture and freeze.

Advent Hints

Christ . . . Born For You

M. D. AMATOR

OUR "Advent Hints" have, we hope, led you right into the immediate preparation of your own heart, and your family, for the holy and happy celebration of God's own greatest gift to mankind His own eternal Son.

Only a few more days remain, albeit busy days for everyone, when Christ again wishes to take up his abode in the midst of every family. In Holy Scripture we read, "My delight is to be with the children of men." That is just as true today as when Christ walked this earth in person. He still wants to be with men, He wants to reign as King in every heart. He wants to belong to every family. Has He a place in your heart and in your hearth?

It was through His Immaculate Mother Mary that Christ made His first appearance into this world. Though he could have come in regal dignity as a full grown man, as King and Lord of the entire world, yet He did not choose to do so. Rather, He took up his abode as a poor helpless Babe. Yet, this Babe, given to the world through Mary, chose this lowly appearance, that He might the more readily win the love and affection of all hearts. His coming, announced by the Angelic Choirs, was to bring "peace to men of good will."

Mary is eager today to give Christ to every soul redeemed by His most precious blood, but many in the world reject both Mother and Son.

Three Fold Celebration

Unlike many other feasts, which are remembrances or memorials of events passed in a certain period of history, the feast of Christmas as celebrated by the Church, is a three fold one, the Church celebrates (1) The eternal birth of Christ from His heavenly Father; (2) His birth in time of the Immaculate Virgin Mary; (3) His spiritual birth in the hearts of men.

It is this third characteristic of the beautiful feast of Christmas that is so important to each soul living today. In this sense Christmas is not a mere remembrance of

an event in the past, but an event taking place again here and now. Christ is born spiritually in the heart of every devout Catholic receiving Holy Communion.

Is your heart prepared? If not, there are still a few days left in which adequate preparation can be made. Though you be busy with many things in the material preparation for this feast, you still can spiritualize all this energy. All you need to do is to perform every action of the day in union with our Blessed Lady. Then your heart will be a crib, warm and loving, to receive the Divine Babe on Christmas Day.

As you pause before the beautiful crib in your parish church, and knowing that the real Christ is actually present in your own heart, your soul will be fired anew with the same love and joy that filled the holy man, who was the first to build a Christmas crib.

Saint Francis of Assisi had a tender and loving devotion to the Christ Child. In the year 1223, he wanted to celebrate Christmas in a way in which the world had never seen it before.

Finding a cave in a woods near the cloister he decided this to be an admirable spot for the construction of a replica of the little cave at Bethlehem. All were eager to help the holy man in his Christmas project. At midnight on Christmas Eve the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated at this little cave. Brother Francis preached on the Christ Child. His words were so filled with sweetness, that the multitude that had gathered at the cave were filled, one and all, with a new joy and spiritual delight. We are told that after the celebration "everyone went to his home with great joy."

The peace and joy, the spiritual happiness that fills the soul after Holy Communion on Christmas day is truly "That peace which the world cannot give."

As you kneel before the lovely crib on Christmas Day, your heart filled with joy and gladness, do not forget the thousands of your fellow Christians who are today denied

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FROZEN CHEESE SALAD

Seafood Newburg

Christmas Eve suppers can be something of a problem with the youngsters all excited, friends dropping in and maybe over-night guests arriving—and all on a day of fast and abstinence. I suggest you plan a simple meal and one you can prepare in the morning hours.

Seafood Newburg is a favorite of mine for just such occasions. I fix the fish and the mushrooms hours ahead and then make the sauce, mix it all together and then pop it in the oven. The recipe calls for lobster and shrimp but it's equally good with the less expensive fishes such as scallops, any white fish, even a bit of tuna. Just be sure you use a total of 4½ cups of fish.

Instead of fresh mushrooms you might like to use canned ones. Cut stems and pieces are least expensive. Be sure to save the juice from canned mushrooms or the water in which you cook fresh mushrooms and use it in your white sauce. Measure the juice and substitute it for the same amount of milk. Here's the basic recipe.

½ cup butter or margarine
½ cup flour
3 cups milk
1½ tablespoons rich prepared mustard
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon paprika
1 cup cut-up cooked lobster meat
1½ cups cooked shrimp
2 cups cut-up cooked fillet of sole
1 cup cooked, sliced mushrooms
½ cup grated cheese
Melt butter; stir in flour and blend well. Add milk slowly and

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cook over low heat, stirring constantly. Add mustard, salt, paprika and pepper; mix well. Mix well with seafood chunks and mushrooms. Pour into a buttered 1½ to 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven 350° F. about 25 minutes or until sauce starts to bubble. Serves 8 to 10.

Serve the Newburg with a tossed salad, relishes, hot rolls and butter and ice cream with a small candy cane stuck in the center.



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CHARLIE CALLAHAN'S Sportbeasting

THE 65th Notre Dame football season is now history. It will be a campaign long remembered. This was a club which four times fought from behind to gain victory; a club which battled back from a second-half tie to defeat a Georgia Tech outfit that had gone 32 games without defeat; a team which refused to accept certain defeat against Iowa and came back in the final seconds to gain a tie.

It will be remembered as a season in which the team's famed coach suffered a near-collapse at half-time of the Georgia Tech game. There has seldom been such a gripping room drama associated with any sports as that day. Georgia Tech players were confused as they noticed every man on the Notre Dame team crying. But three second-half touchdowns were the greatest tonic their ailing coach needed.

Coach Frank Leahy, after the final victory over Southern Methodist, proclaimed the 1953 squad the "greatest team ever to play for Notre Dame." In substantiating his statement, he added that no other team representing the Irish had ever had to play so difficult a schedule.

It was not a great team as the season started. But it certainly became one, all of which is a greater tribute to Leahy himself. And to his staff of assistants whom he praised so unhesitatingly after the SMU game.

Nobody knows much about assistant coaches, and it is only fair to list the names of the Irish staff: Joe McArdle, Johnny Druse, Wally Elzenga, Bill Earley, Bob McBride, Johnny Lujack, and Freshman Coach Terry Brennan. Some pretty fair football players in that group, if you care to check the sports pages of a few years previous.

Notre Dame finished second in both of the national polls. From the standpoint of the players, this was unfortunate. And, perhaps, if the polls had kept going another week, the Irish would have been on top. Perhaps not. It amounted in the end to a newspaper battle between Notre Dame and Maryland. Only one coach had seen his team play both, George Barclay of North Carolina. He picked Notre Dame as the better team. For the sake of continuing the controversy, Bud Wilkinson, of Oklahoma, will undoubtedly be asked the same question after his Sooners meet Maryland in the Orange Bowl.

This year will be remembered as the year of the Iowa controversy. More important, that game should be remembered for the sterling play of the Iowa team, and for the two great comebacks of the Fighting Irish. There can be no controversy over the fact that the Notre Dames moved 60 yards in 12 plays in the final three minutes of the first half, 58 yards in eight plays in the final two minutes of the game to attain a 14-14 deadlock.

It will be remembered as a team which won a host of individual honors. Johnny Lattner, right half, Art Hunter, right tackle, Neil Worden fullback, Jim Schradler, center, and Captain Don Penza, right end, all made one or more All America first teams. Lattner took all but one of the country's top trophies.

The other six men enjoying first team status deserved as many honors, for it was a team effort which pulled this group through. The other six, were of course, Don Shannon and Paul Matz, who divided the left end assignment; Frank Varrichione, left tackle, Ray Lemek, the only sophomore, left guard, Ralph Gagliardi, quarterback, and Joe Neep, left half. Gagliardi was probably the most improved player on the squad. Neep had a fine season as a speedy left half. And so it goes.

It was the most popular of all Notre Dame teams. It may have been number two team in the polls but it was number one when it came to crowd interest, not all of

whom, of course, were Notre Dame fans. At any rate, more fans watched Notre Dame play than any other team. It was also the first Notre Dame team in history to attract more than 600,000 spectators. The total attendance was 605,064. The final mark also could go in the records as 610,704, if you want to count the 5,540 folks who purchased tickets for the Penn game in Philadelphia, but did not show because of snow conditions.

An accounting major and an aeronautical engineering major will lead the Fighting Irish in 1954. The accounting major, Dan Shannon. The engineer, Paul Matz. They have a few things in common... both are 20... both are from Chicago... both are graduates of Mount Carmel high school... both played left end this past season.

In high school, Shannon was a fullback and Matz an end. Prior to this season at Notre Dame, back in the days of the two-platoon, Shannon was a line-backer and Matz a defensive end.

They succeed a pretty good boy in the captaincy, Don Penza. Some time, I'll tell you a story as to why Penza really stood out to me as a leader.

As for what will be the slate faced by Shannon, Matz and company. Well, you may not have it on the wire services, so here it be:

Sept. 25—Texas at Notre Dame
Oct. 2—Purdue at Notre Dame
Oct. 9—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh
Oct. 16—Michigan State at Notre Dame
Oct. 30—Navy at Baltimore
Nov. 6—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia
Nov. 13—North Carolina at Notre Dame
Nov. 20—Iowa at Iowa City
Nov. 27—Southern California at Notre Dame
Dec. 4—Southern Methodist at Dallas

Christmas Crib

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and the inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS EST. The manger is a short distance away, and here the Child was laid—in a stone receptacle meant for feeding sheep.

St. Francis' Crib

For centuries, their was devotion to the crib, but it was the lovable St. Francis of Assisi who popularized it. When he was in Rome in the year 1223, Francis told the Pope of his plans for making a model of the crib scene and placing it in his church. The Pope listened enthusiastically, and when Francis went back to Assisi, he built the replica, complete with statues of Mary, Joseph, the ox, ass, and some sheep. A legend says that Francis stopped during midnight Mass to meditate at the crib, whereupon "there appeared in his arms a child surrounded by a brilliant light."

The custom continues and now practically all Catholic churches display the crib from Christmas Eve until the octave of the Epiphany, which is the day when the Wise Men appeared and Christ in fact made Himself known to the world for the first time. The Epiphany, January 6th, is a holy day of obligation in many parts of the world, but not in the United States.

The whole point of the manger scene, of course, is to remind us first of the Incarnation, the miracle by which God became Man in order to save us from our own sins. Secondly, the sight of Jesus in a crib reminds us that the greatest man in the world started in the humblest of surroundings. The King of Kings began life in a shelter intended for sheep.

Misses Meaning

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tinctly declared that the one reason for great joy on the day named after Christ was that "there is born to you a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." In the creed of the Mass we sing: "Who for us and for our salvation descended from Heaven. And He was incarnated by the Holy Spirit, of the Virgin Mary, and became man." Christmas had no other origin, and never can have any other significance, no matter how it may be distorted by man.

Through the centuries, almost until our generation, the whole civilized world believed as we Catholics do about the Incarnation, about "Christ the Lord" becoming mankind's Savior through His Redemption.

"Peace on earth" was promised as a reward and not as a gift. It was to be enjoyed by men and nations if they exhibited good will towards God and one another. Those who would receive the Savior would "receive power to become the sons of God." As "sons of God" they would "glorify Him—the Heavenly Father—in the highest"; as brothers and sisters in Christ they would be filled with "good will" towards one another and towards God—and that would insure "peace."

The Christmas message, therefore, contains no mockery, no sarcasm, even in the face of brutal wars we have experienced. It rather indicates the only preventive and cure of war—universal good-will, deriving from the relationship of all men to a common infinitely-loving Heavenly Father.

The Holy Persons

In order to refresh our own memories, to prepare our minds to accept, and our hearts to respond lovingly to, the gospel message, let us, in keeping with an old method of meditation, present to ourselves the persons and places mentioned in the gospel story.

The persons who figured in the event are the Heavenly Father, Who decreed it; the Son of God, Who, back in eternity, foreseeing the consequences of Adam's fall, volunteered to become man; the Holy Ghost, through Whom the eternal Word became Incarnate; the prophets of the Old Law, over many centuries, who foretold the time, the place, and other circumstances which would attend the accomplishment of the unique event; Mary, the divinely chosen Mother, immaculately conceived, in order that she might be a worthy instrument for its realization; the Archangel Gabriel, who was Heaven's special messenger to procure Mary's consent; St. Joseph, the humble, God-trusting spouse of Mary; the Angel who invited the shepherds to Jesus' birthplace; the great multitude of angels who left Heaven to sing the Gloria at His crib.

Could you, in your wildest fancy, have of yourself conceived such a heavenly panoramic picture, portraying the indescribable impor-

ance of the event which took place some nineteen centuries ago, and which has been commemorated annually throughout the whole of Christendom ever since?

The Holy Places

The places we are to think of during our meditation are Nazareth, where Mary, of the Royal House of David, was born and spent her youth, where her conference with an Archangel took place; the different stops along the 90 mile winding road leading to the census office at Bethlehem, where there was no room for the Holy Family, because the inn and the homes were crowded to capacity by those who had preceded Joseph and Mary there; the hillside from which the shepherds were summoned; the stable, which became the first Christian church, the manger, the first tabernacle.

The time was midnight, the weather extremely damp, and its cold penetrating. Herod, who would soon give the order to slay the new-born King, and the local populace, fast asleep, were unacquainted with what was happening. And the rest of the world? It remained completely ignorant of this extraordinary peaceful and friendly meeting between Heaven and earth, between the eternal Son of God and His creation, until messengers of Jesus, after His return to celestial glory some 33 years later, joyfully promulgated it over the entire world at the risk of their lives.

The "good tidings of great joy" occasioned by the coming of a Savior from Heaven, was intended "for all the people" of every country until the end of time.

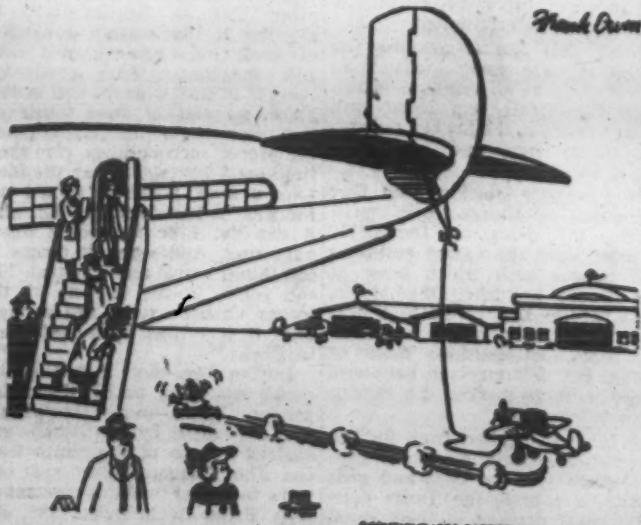
The anniversary of His birth had been celebrated even in Russia for 1,000 years as a holiday of joy, and the anniversary of His crucifixion observed as a holiday of sadness. In Russia, whence the largest pilgrimages of the Holy Land were wont to originate, it has now become a crime even to teach youth about the facts behind Christmas, Good Friday and Easter, the key events in the life of the human race, without the understanding of which history's lessons are completely missed.

Elsewhere in our times Christmas is regarded by the majority of people on earth only as a public holiday with no special spiritual significance. While we pity them keenly, let us Catholics be immensely grateful for having the proper understanding and realization of the festival's meaning, and show it by habitual cooperation with "the grace of God which has appeared unto all men, instructing us that denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly and justly and godly in this world."

Father Conroy

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Those 22 G.I.'s, prisoners in Korea, may actually want the Christmas tree for sentimental reasons. Or they may be so far gone, that they want to show the folks back home that even a Christmas tree will not change their minds. In other words they may be "rubbing it in." We don't know as we write this and they will be given another chance to be repatriated. But whatever it is, we have here



"But, darling - I thought I left you back in Omaha with Aunt Clara!"

Answers To Brother Michael's Quiz

- 1: Lesson Thirteen in the Catechism is on the Communion of Saints and Forgiveness of sins.
- 2: Saint James was martyred nine years after Christ's Ascension.
- 3: Rhoda was a servant girl in the home of John Mark.
- 4: The Apostle James was beheaded at the command of King Herod.
- 5: By the Communion of Saints is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the souls in purgatory, with Christ as their Head.

demonstrated for us a fundamental fact. It is that first impressions are the strongest.

It shows what actually can be done with Christmas. It's the Christ Child's day and therefore every child's day. There's a challenge in that fact alone.

We don't mean to advocate abandoning the Christmas tree. But we do want to point out what could be done if the real idea of Christmas kept pace with the Christmas tree. If these 22 G.I.'s had been attracted to the Christ Child, if the Divine Infant were as strongly rooted in their minds as the Christmas tree, they would be back among us.

The communists have shown us every reason for "putting Christ back into Christmas." They have shown us what can be done with an idea instilled from babyhood and they are merely playing the record back to us. They have tried the very souls of these 22 men and we know now what we have failed to do for these souls. Let's not blame these men. Let's blame ourselves.

Let's keep our Christmas trees, by all means. But let it also indicate how much can really be done if we make Christ the central theme of Christmas in the minds of our children.

Fortune magazine is authority for the fact that once when the student aviators at Orlando, Florida, were asked to name the greatest flying risk today, they answered: "The auto ride to the airport."

—Ave Maria.

Students tell us that in ancient Athens the streets were so narrow and so crowded that householders had to give a knock on the inside of their doors before going out so that they would not collide with passers-by.—Ave Maria.

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A Non-Catholic Looks Us Over Finds New Meaning In Christmas



Christmas message is usually a foregone conclusion. Joy and good will, bells and carols, Santa and his helpers, Bethlehem, the stable, trees piled high with gifts... what else is there to say? Christmas is Christmas, to me the joyfulest season of the year as it is to many others, and when I write that, I've written it all.

Or thought I had until today. Being a non-Catholic doesn't mean I don't share December's cheer with my fellow Catholics. Christ's birthday is something every Christian celebrates one way or another. In fact, it is the one time of the whole 365 days when all of us get together in fellowship. Midnight Mass provides the beauty of spiritual devotion for many beside

BETTY JEFFRIES

Catholics. My family watches it on TV every Christmas Eve. Many Protestants do. Others attend a parish church to offer their prayers to God in what is traditionally the most moving way... through the Catholic Mass.

So I have no special non-Catholic theme at Christmas time. Nothing I can say from outside the Church for those of you inside. But I do have a thought as a member of the human race. Just an idea you might think over in the midst of your festive activities, particularly those taking place in church.

For many years Christmas has always excited me because of presents and surprises. Thanks to Santa I realized early in life it was the one time we all felt happy about our fellow men. But I never fully realized the spiritual part, the devotional side. I knew about Christ's birth. I knew the Biblical facts. But the joy in my heart came

from the earthly happiness of the holiday, just as it does for so many millions who crowd the stores in order to brighten the lives of their families at this season.

I spent this morning at the morgue. Doing a magazine story on crime detection. There is the body of an old man there. He died several days ago. On the sheeted corpse is a black sign: UNKNOWN PERSON. So far he hasn't been identified. He was conscious when the police reached him, was able to whisper the fact that he had fallen, then his heart stopped. That is all anyone knows about this cadaver.

Upstairs is the mummified skeleton of a man recently discovered buried in some section of the country. He, too, is unknown. All that is left are bones.

An odd way to write a Christmas message, I agree. But you see, those two decomposing corpses are the end of the road for us, too. That is what we will be someday. Bones that eventually mean nothing to the world revolving around them. Were it not for Christmas... Christ... God Himself, we wouldn't matter any more than if we had never been born at all.

If the full meaning of Christmas ever hits you as it did me this morning, gratitude of a depth I hadn't believed possible will be in your heart. For Christ showed us eternal life, opened the closed gates of Heaven for you as well as me, and gave us renewed meaning far above the realm of old bones. And Christ was born on Christmas Day.

I've gone to Midnight Mass many times. It's something I wouldn't miss. This year will be a milestone for me. This year in addition to my personal gratitude to the Heavenly Father for all He has done for us will be my deep thanksgiving for His great mercy and love in send-

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ing His Son that we might live on in spite of our corruptible bodies. For His great love in giving us meaning though we are but frail creatures greatly given to weaknesses. For His gift of divine souls.

As you kneel at the Consecration this heavenly birthday, remember to thank God not only for the life He has made possible for you here but for that life His Son opened up once again for us in Paradise. For Christmas is not only the birth of Christ, it is also the beginning of the road to the rebirth of man. Over the stable hangs the cloud of Calvary and beyond the darkness of the cross is the light of Heaven. It's all there in the great feast of Christmas.

I want to add that I will remember all of you in my prayers during this holiday season, especially those of you who were kind enough to write me and help me spiritually. Fellowship means much, especially when one realizes what life is like without it. Love of man and God is our big weapon against all things material and no one appreciates your kindnesses more than I.

Merry Christmas is what I usually give out with each year. This time I'm adding a prayer that it be a Holy Christmas as well. The Child Jesus is more than the Babe in the manger. He is the Hope of our world. I didn't think bones would ever prove that to me, but they did. This morning at the morgue.

Born For You

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ed this happiness. Include a fervent prayer for them. In countries where their priests have been killed or banished, there is no longer anyone to break unto them this Heavenly Bread.

May the mighty chorus of Christians supplicating the Heavenly Father on this anniversary of Christ's birth move the divine

mercy to bring all mankind on their knees before the lowly Christ in the manger at Bethlehem.

May your Christmas be a happy one! May it be a "Merry" one! May the joys of a "Merry" Christmas soon spread over the entire earth! May this be the prayer of every reader today!

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Gospel Story

Christ's Birthday Gift

ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

PERHAPS the thoughts that entered my mind as I read today's Gospel were an answer from the Christ Child. He being first on my Christmas list, I had asked Him in prayer—"What do You want for Christmas?"

It was as I read about St. John the Baptist that the answer came. (And he went into all the region about the

Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "The voice of one crying in the desert, 'make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'")

As I read the above words, I thought of the Christ Child speaking at this Christmas-time; and saying: "My priests are being tortured and murdered by my enemies. They are My precious martyrs, and their courage and sanctity are balm for the sick world. But I must have more priests to preach the Gospel to all men. I must have more other Christs. How can I have more other Christs unless someone goes before them to clean up the world in which my little ones must grow to maturity. It is from the little ones that I choose my priests. But with evil reading and entertainment and false standards to lead my little ones astray, how can there be enough young people who will heed My call to the religious life? How unless someone makes ready the way of the Lord?"

"It is true that My priests preach every Sunday to churches filled with people, but so many days pass between Sunday and Sunday. So many things happen and so many decisions must be made between one week-end and another. My priests cannot go into the market-places of the world and mount soap boxes during the week in order to fight the forces of evil whose representatives do just that. For Christmas I need men and women to fight the week-day fight in the market places.

"I love my priests, and I want more priests. Because I want more priests, I want more lay apostles to make ready the way of the Lord. I want lay apostles to speak the right word at the right time to the right people as they go about their day's work in the world. The Holy Spirit will enlighten them if they but keep in the state of grace and seek to do My will. Lay apostles will wage war against filthy literature and indecent entertainment. They will make the world a better place for my little ones, and it is to the little ones of earth I give vocations.

"Give Me then more lay apostles for My Birthday this year. I shall call them Christophers, and My Mother will lead them, protect them, and inspire them. 1954 is to be Her Year. The lay apostles I desire will be Her Army for the New Year ahead. Will you give me lay apostles for Christmas?"

Will you give me Christophers?"

"And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... the voice

of one crying in the desert, 'make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths...'

Like John the Baptist, let us help to make ready the way of the Lord. The Christ Child wants lay apostles... he wants Christophers for Christmas!

A Word To Non-Catholics

The Last Syllable In Christmas

MICHAEL MONDAY

Every priest honors Christ-Mass by offering three Masses. We invite you to assist us on honoring our Infant God at Mass. You will

be welcome indeed—but come early if you want us to find you a seat at the Midnight Mass.

Whether or not you come, though, this will wish you a happy and joyous Christmas from your Catholic neighbors.



ES, Christmas is really made up of two words—Christ and Mass. It's Old English and it comes to us from the days when all England went to Mass on the birthday of Jesus.

They tell the story of a gentleman who got up one day in Parliament—a man by the name of Thomas Massey-Massey. Since the Mass was by that time out of favor with the majority of the English, Thomas could see no sense in perpetuating the name Christ-mas. He suggested that it be changed to Christ-tide. On the instant, Daniel O'Connell was on his feet with his snapping Irish wit.

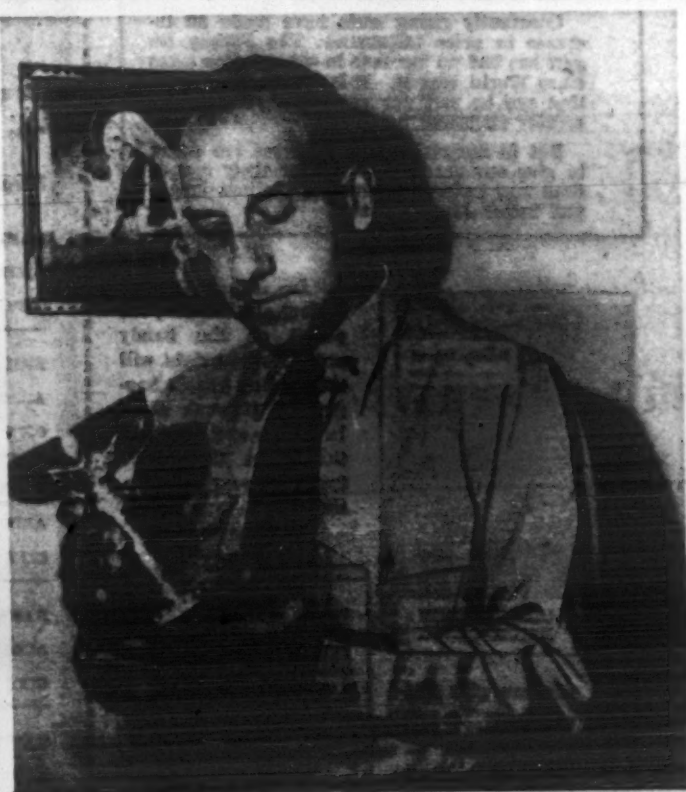
"Perhaps," he said, "we might begin by changing our colleague's name from Thomas Massey-Massey to Totide Tidey-Tidey."

Parliament laughed and the matter was dropped.

It's a fact, though, that the world seems to turn Catholic for a few weeks each year at Christmas. The Blessed Virgin Mary carries her Holy Infant on countless cards. Manger scenes are built around St. Joseph and the shepherds. Light streams from the open doors of medieval cathedrals, and the faithful are summoned to adore Christ the Lord in many a quaint carol.

Jesus' birthday still centers around the Mass for us Catholics. In many places, the first Mass is at midnight on Christmas, when bishops and priests go forth to the altar vested in sumptuous cloth of gold, clouded by a haze of rich-smelling incense, blue in the soft light of myriad candles. The angelic hymn is intoned in the sonorous Latin Gloria in excelsis Deo, and is taken up at once by the innocents in the choir, rising to its climax: "For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art God, Thou alone art Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father. Amen."

The second Mass begins as dawn breaks in the east, and the solemnities of the third Mass are completed in the full splendor of daylight morning.



CHALICE A TRIBUTE TO PEARL HARBOR DEAD—Chaplain (Lt. Comdr.) Otto E. Sporrer of Los Angeles, Calif., Catholic chaplain at the U.S. Navy receiving station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, holds a silver chalice designed as a tribute to the service men and women who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Contributed by personnel stationed there, the chalice was used for the first time on the 12th anniversary of the attack in services at the Catholic chapel there, where it will remain. The Roman design of the vessel incorporates the basic ships of the Navy's modern fleet. Around the cup's base are the designs of an aircraft carrier, a battleship, a cruiser and two destroyers. Also etched into the base is the Papal Coat of Arms. A cross and an anchor are designed on the back of the cup's paten, or plate, with the following motto engraved in Latin: "Hail Star of the Sea, Make Us Humble and Chaste."



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Six O'Clock Mass

What Has Gone Before

General Lunby's wife gets a divorce. When a young Navy ensign marries the General's daughter, rather than live with his son-in-law, the General moves away and starts regular attendance at the six o'clock Mass in St. Jude's church. Each morning he is accompanied to Mass by his chauffeur, Samjo Smythe-Jones. The General's former orderly in the Army, Samjo enjoys going to Mass where he has eyes only for "the beautiful lady and her pickaninny."

6. Seaman Sarto Sights A Star

AVE Maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo
Felix caeli porta.

*Hail, O Star of the sea,
God's own Mother blessed,
And always a Virgin,
Happy gate of Heaven.

(From Hymn sung at the Vespers of Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary.)

Father James' eye had fallen on Anthony Sarto, just as he came down from the altar to start the Mass. He was assured every day by the presence of this young man, whom he had known ever since his family had come from Italy.

He knew Tony had problems, the solution of which required extraordinary effort on Tony's part to gain efficacious help from God. Tony was really making an effort. He left the dance floor where he was a musician and kept himself awake and fasting from midnight in order to attend Mass every morning at six o'clock and receive Holy Communion.

Every priest is ordained to bear the temptations and sins of others on his shoulders. Father James had felt the burden as he bent over at the beginning of the Mass and said:

"I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you brethren, to pray to the Lord our God for me."

Anthony (known to all as Tony) Sarto also had beaten his breast as Father James thrice repeated, "through my fault." He was there because he was vividly conscious of all his sins, and aware that if he did not get help through prayer he could fall into them again. He had also made a promise to be there and he would keep his word with God.

Just to show that sin is not a private matter, Joe McGonigle, Jr., had repeated this protestation of

guilt, though he personally was short on sin, practically bankrupt, as Father James well knew. But Joe leaned forward over the lowest altar step, speaking for Tony Sarto and others who had let God down badly. He was rewarded by the words of his pastor:

"May Almighty God have mercy on you, and forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting." And away back in the church Tony Sarto said, "Amen."

The Sarto family had come over from Italy on one of the last large Italian quotas. Louis Sarto, Tony's father, was a stone worker. He had worked on some of the granite facing of St. Jude's Church and had settled his family in the parish. They had no more than gotten started, when the depression hit. Work was intermittent for several years, but there were occasional jobs for this rare skill.

Louis Sarto, Luigi to his wife, was inarticulate in English, but eloquent in the Venetian dialect of the little village of Trombolo, near Venice, from which he came. He ruled at home with an iron hand, and he tried with Angela, his wife, to hand on the tradition of the fabulous Venice, where the people went from house to house in boats, singing.

St. Jude's parish had only a few Italian families, but Father James took special interest in them; he was most solicitous about the Sartos. He watched their eldest son grow in suppleness and beauty, and was determined as far as in him to keep him worthy of his tradition. He had him in the choir as a little boy. The child had music in him and a clear soprano.

He gained the confidence of Mama Sarto, and on occasion dined on her minestrone and ravioli, which were beyond eloquence. He encouraged her to come to church, her head covered with a shawl; she did not own an American hat.

One day he was called to the rectory parlor. The housekeeper had brought a letter from a famous Italian prelate. Father James went down to meet Maestro Giovanni Danno, organist, who was in need of work. His fingers indicated that he could do only the kind of work for which he was trained. That is how St. Jude's parish was able to lead the diocese in the development of Gregorian music.

"Please, good Father," Maestro Danno had said in broken English, "please let me play your organ. Maybe I teach for you, too, no?"

"I have a pupil for you," said Father James. "His father is poor, but the boy has music in his soul. He speaks Italian too." Father James knew that the money for Tony Sarto's lessons would come from his own pocket. He escorted the maestro to the Sarto house, and the boy's eyes gleamed in anticipation when he heard the news.

Maestro Danno could teach because he knew. The boy could learn because he wanted to and had the ear. Soon he was playing simple hymns on the church organ for the children's Mass. He had to slide down to reach the foot pedals.

As he grew older he came under the jazz influence. Strangely, Giovanni Danno did not object.

"In this country," he warned, "you play good music, you starve. Play jazz, and you ride in car."

Young Tony had his own idea. He would play modern popular music with the skill and nuance and the dream that Italian masters put into symphonies and operas. He also scrimped and saved from his earnings as an errand boy for a bakery after school to buy an accordion. He played it so well that neighbors were coming in on Sunday afternoon to ask him to play. The Sarto house rocked with choruses of Italian folksongs.

Within a year, Tony took his accordion and a letter from Father James to Sidney Weizman, leader of the finest dance band in the city.

"Please, Mr. Weizman," asked Tony, "let me play one new song for you." His conscience pinched him only a little because the song was old—so old it was strange to Sid Weizman. Weizman listened, nodded gravely. He was both a musical director and a pirate who stole songs.

"Report for practice tomorrow at five. Twenty dollars a week." That made Tony the lowest-paid member of the famed Weizman band.

In a short time Tony was playing solos in the Palace Hotel dining room. That was the leading hotel in the community. The people who went there to dance and dine drank bonded liquor and ate thick steaks, and had seen and heard everything that money will buy. The music of the young Italian was as a breath of fresh air. Most of the men who paid the checks were heavy and somewhat bloated. To the women with them the sight of Tony was an added attraction. His fine strong features, smooth ivory complexion, and muscular shoulders swiveling on slim hips and waist drew them to the bandstand. They wanted to mix him with their bourbons on rocks. Weizman warned him.

"These are good customers. They pay good money. But they are no good for a good-looking boy. Go home to your mama, when you finish here."

Not only did Tony go home to his mama but his pay check went with him. In a few weeks it was fifty dollars a week. Maestro Dan-

no was happy. Father James was worried because he did not see much of Tony any more. He did not get up in time to play for the children's Mass on Sundays.

While Tony played his heart-warming music, Hitler was filling Germany with a hymn of hate, to which the world, he thought, must dance, and he had called it *Mein Kampf*. Mussolini was playing a solo on his war drums. Weizman was Jewish as were several of the men in his band and all had been kind to Tony. As the news of atrocities was published, Tony's music became sadder and more plaintive with each flash of bad news: Czechoslovakia, Poland, the bombing of London. Old Luigi Sarto's worries were spoken to his son.

When Mussolini joined forces with Hitler, Tony, without consulting Papa and Mama Sarto, went to the recruiting station and enlisted in the United States Navy. That evening before he went to work, he told his family and they looked their grief. Mama Sarto wept. Papa Sarto rose from the table, linked his hands behind his back, and walked up and down the little hall for five minutes before he said anything.

He returned to the dining room and said to Mama in a gruff voice, "Tony is a smart boy. He loves America. It is his land and ours."

Then he turned to all the Sarto tribe: "You should be proud of Tony. That Mussolini has tried to sell the soul of Italy to the devil. But the Pope and Tony, they will save that soul."

At the Palace, Tony said to Weizman, "This is my last night. I report to the Navy tomorrow."

Weizman gulped and answered, "Leave right after your twelve o'clock act, you'll need the sleep. And when you return, wherever I am, come first to me. A better job is waiting for you."

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abuses connected with the preaching of an Indulgence."

A year before his attack he correctly explained what an Indulgence was, and also told how spiritually helpful it was. You know

that Indulgences cannot be sold; you know that they do not pardon any sin, but rather remove some or all of the temporal punishment due to sins already pardoned. We explained this a week ago in our Panel Instruction, which we hope you always read.

There are no alms asked in connection with the granting of an Indulgence, but there was at that time — one was requested, but not demanded. The Pope wanted an offering from all people towards the erection of the present Basilica in Rome, just as the Bishops of the United States only ten days ago asked an alm (not however, connected with an Indulgence) for the erection of a beautiful Shrine to Mary Immaculate in the capital city of our nation.

For a plenary indulgence one must always receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist, and in a repentant mood pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Those conditions were stipulated in the early 16th century Indulgence. But the alms requested made it easy for the people to be deluded into believing that they were paying for the Indulgence.

During the Marian Year, a plenary Indulgence may be gained by all the faithful, after Confession and Communion, as often as they visit any church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, or any mission chapel, and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. This is true on the opening and closing days of the Marian Year — the 8th of December, 1953 and the 8th of December, 1954. The same favor is granted on the chief feasts of the Blessed Virgin, such as her Annunciation, Purification, Assumption, her Nativity, her Seven Sorrows.

Because non-Catholics insist that we "worship" the Blessed Virgin, you should be able to explain that we pay her high honor which we call "veneration," but it is not worship or adoration. That sort of worship can be paid only to God.

Remember these things.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
THE EDITORS

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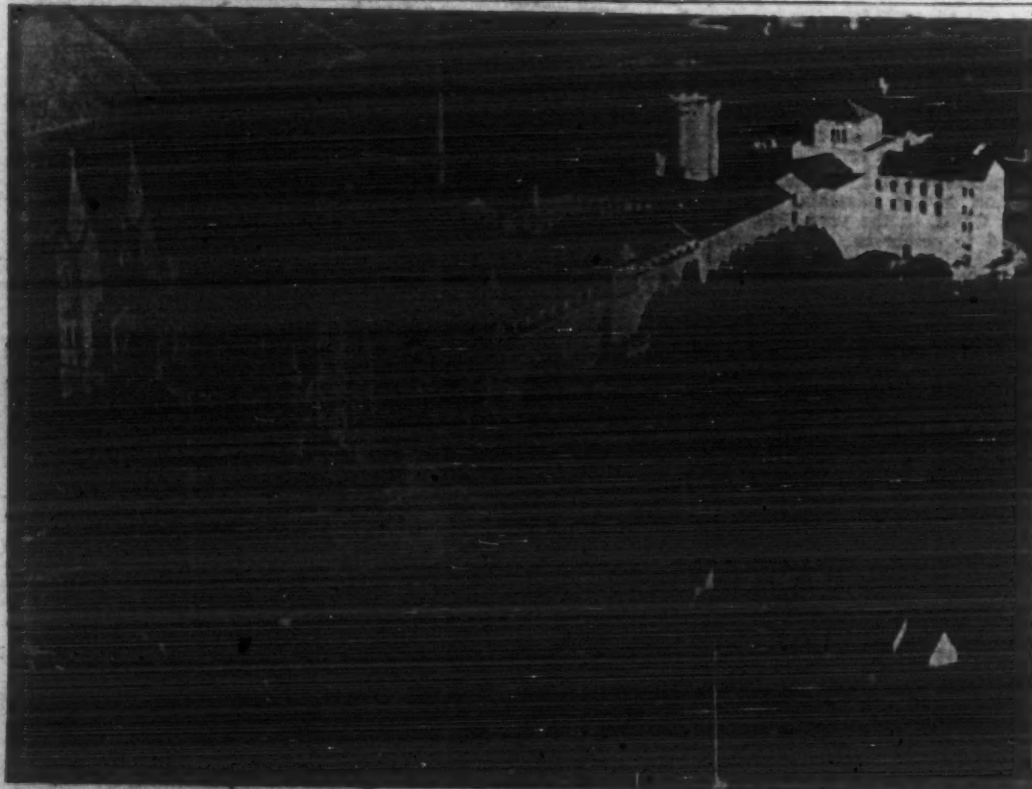
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RAISED TO AN ARCH-ABBEY — Photo shows striking airview of St. Meinrad's Abbey of the Benedictine Fathers, St. Meinrad, Ind., which has been raised to an Arch-Abbey by Pope Pius XII in honor of its 100th anniversary in 1954. The monastery was founded in 1854 and raised to an Abbey in 1870.



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Christmas Is For All

By FATHER FRANCESCO

Of necessity, we stress in this column certain features of rural life not found in city surroundings. It would, however, be a serious mistake to imagine that living the liturgy in the country is essentially different from that of the city.

Actually, the liturgy is one of the great common bonds among all members of the Church. No aspect of the liturgy so clearly illustrates this point as does Christmas and our advent preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. City and country folks alike are moved by the thought of a tiny Child who is, nevertheless, the God of all creation.

Young and old, wealthy and poor, all look forward to this blessed day of our Saviour's nativity. Christmas carols are among the most enduring of our songs. They never seem to grow old, because the story they tell is a message of life and hope.

The unity of the Church is all the more marvelous when we consider the great diversity of her members. The Chinese coolie, German scientist, African pygmy and American farmer are all at home in the Church. All celebrate Christmas, paying homage to the same Infant Saviour. Yet each has his

own peculiar Christmas customs and traditions.

The advent liturgy provides the very best preparation for Christmas. The world tries to commercialize Christmas and make it gaudy and noisy. In sharp contrast, Holy Mother Church puts on purple and asks us to prepare prayerfully for the coming of our Redeemer. She calls our attention to the long centuries of waiting and hoping which preceded the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. She includes in the Masses of advent the plea of Isaiah the Prophet, "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

In the liturgy of advent Christ is described as "the Sun of Justice, who enlightens them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death"; "the King of Nations, who delivers man from the dust of the earth"; "the Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Saviour." These and the many other thoughts contained in the advent liturgy we recommend to city and country folks alike as they prepare for the blessed day of our Saviour's birth.

Requiescant

FERDINAND J. GRIME

Fort Wayne — Ferdinand James Grime, 62, died last week. A lifelong resident of this city, Mr. Grime worked 30 years for the Nickel Plate Railroad until he retired in 1947. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Surviving are a son and a daughter, Catherine Ann Grime, a student in St. Joseph's Convent at Tipton.

VICTOR F. ALLEN

Fort Wayne — Victor F. Allen, 78, died last week at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Nellis, Decatur, Ill., where he had been visiting. He was a member of St. Paul's Church. Mr. Allen and his wife, Josephine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Surviving are the widow, two daughters, two brothers and two grandchildren.

MRS. PATRICK DUFFY

Mrs. Mary M. Duffy, 82, died in her home at Canton, Ohio after a short illness. A member of St. Paul's church, she is survived by her husband, three sons and three daughters, including Mrs. Edward P. Adams, Fort Wayne.

MRS. ELIZABETH M. LAUER

Fort Wayne — Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lauer, 79, died last Saturday at the Sacred Heart Home for the Aged, where she has lived for the last 18 months. A native of Germany, she resided here for 35 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, its Rosary and Altar societies, and the Mission Society. Surviving are a daughter, two sons, two brothers, a sister and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Pogorski, 91, St. Hyacinth, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Josephine Mary Martin, 90, Cathedral, Fort Wayne.

Arthur F. Kessler, 79, Cathedral, Fort Wayne.

Bernard H. Hoebel, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Catherine Obringer, 81, St. John, Delphos, Ohio.

Gary Paul Bender, infant, Precious Blood, Fort Wayne.

Emil Smith, Sacred Heart, Whiting.

Judy Burke, Sacred Heart, Whiting.

Mrs. C. Driscoll, Sacred Heart, Whiting.

Joseph Shalick, Sacred Heart, Whiting.

Richard L. Rybicki, 43, St. Hedwig, South Bend.

Mrs. I. J. Schmidt, St. Patrick, South Bend.

Religious Freedom Thrives In U. S. As In Colonial Days

Cleveland — (NC) — Two Cleveland pastors, who came from Moravia in Czechoslovakia in 1904 to work among Slovak immigrants here, met and talked about the old days during ceremonies marking the golden jubilee of Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland.

They are Msgr. Augustine Tomacek, pastor of St. Wendelin's and Msgr. Oldrick Zlamal, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes and former pastor of St. Wendelin's. Together the two priests span 49 years of the parish's 50-year history.

BREAKFAST SPEAKER

The Whiting - Robertsdale district of the National Council of Catholic Men will observe the Feast of the Holy Name, Sunday, January 3 with corporate Communion and a breakfast in SS. Peter and Paul church, Whiting. The breakfast will start immediately after an 8:30 a.m. solemn high Mass to be celebrated by the Rev. Mathew Spebar, pastor. Guest speaker for the breakfast will be Stanley Pieza (above), Religion Editor for the Chicago American. He will speak about his recent trip to Rome with Cardinal Stritch to attend the dedication of the new North American College.

Hear Former Mayor

Bremen — The Holy Name Society of the St. Dominic parish, here, held a Communion Breakfast recently. The guest speaker was F. Kenneth Dempsey, former mayor of South Bend, who outlined the purposes and aims of the National Council of Catholic Men.

Msgr. Tomacek recalled that the two of them were seminarians when they came to Cleveland in answer to the appeal of former Bishop Horstmann.

"We came as immigrants to work among immigrants," he told his parishioners. "We were the same kind of immigrants, your forebears and I, as were those who came over on the Mayflower."

"Today," he noted, "we enjoy the same opportunities for religious freedom, for an opportunity to work, as did the early immigrants."



LEGION OF MARY REUNION — The Hammond Curia of the Legion of Mary held their Annual Reunion recently in the Panel Room of St. John the Baptist Church, Whiting. The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne spoke to the Legionnaires. He told members that the Legion is the marching army of the Lay Apostolate. It should be their ardent desire to be worthy of Mary and the promises of her Son, to work with her to extend His reign. In order to be successful in the lay apostolate we must first give ourselves. A banquet followed with entertainment supplied by various Legion groups. Pictured are (left to right): the Rev. C. P. Bergan, Curia Spiritual Director; Bishop Pursley and Mrs. Eileen Drackley, Curia President.

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Coming Events

Central Catholic Mothers' Club of Fort Wayne will hold its annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 17, at 8 p.m. in the school Gymnasium. Mrs. Robert Lamott, Chairman, has asked that each member bring a gift of canned goods to be donated to the Christmas Bureau. There will be no gift exchange.

The Decatur Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual Children's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 23, at 7 p.m. in the clubrooms. Also on the agenda for the Decatur Knights is a gala New Year's Eve party, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Notre Dame Club of the Calumet Region will hold its third annual Christmas dinner-dance, Tuesday, December 29, at Woodmar Country Club, Hammond. The dance, highlight of the holiday social season for Calumet area Notre Dame men and their friends, is under the general chairmanship of Jack Ogren. All friends of Notre Dame, students, and alumni are invited to the annual party. Those interested in attending are urged to purchase their tickets early since reservations are limited.

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WHY are there such widespread attacks on the Catholic Church today?

Those who make the attacks usually give the reasons, and these reasons all can be reduced to "jealousy of Catholic growth."

Only recently Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Editor of the *Christian Herald* (Baptist) sent out a letter to every Protestant minister in the United States in which he claimed that the Catholic Church boasts of having had over 1,000,000 converts from Protestantism during the past ten years, and asks every minister to report to him the number of converts he has had from the Catholic ranks during the same period.

Now the truth is that the Catholic Church as such has not boasted of her success in converting Protestants. It was merely an individual within the Church who, having tabulated the number of converts as reported in the Catholic Directory during a period of ten years, gave it out as news.

Any Catholic Bishop or priest will tell you that there would be two or three times as many converts if the Catholic laity were showing any great interest in bringing their faith to the attention of Protestants. For instance, a survey taken early this year among Catholics and Protestants disclosed that only seven per cent of Catholics had done anything at all, to interest non-Catholics in their religion.

Protestants have a better record. Persons interviewed, according to their particular religions, told the canvassers that they had busied themselves with the apostolate of spreading their faith. As high as 50, 60 and 70 per cent of Protestants interviewed claimed that they had tried to interest others in their religion, even though they themselves were poorly informed on the tenets of their faith.

If it were as difficult to become a Protestant as it is to become a Catholic the churches of the Reformation would gain very few converts. They take in remarried divorcees, which Catholics cannot; they receive men belonging to oath bound secret societies while Catholics do not; they receive converts on request without giving them much instruction. The Catholic Church will not receive any one who, after a long period of instructions, will not freely profess that he believes all the Catholic Church teaches and wants to embrace it.

The Catholic Church has the advantage of prescription, which means that it existed centuries before any other Christian religious body; that for a thousand years it was the only Christian Church; that it can trace its origin back to Christ, as easily as one can trace the presidency of the United States back to George Washington.

Who is there who becomes a Methodist because the Bible singles it out as Christ's Church? Who becomes a Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist for the same reason? It can be proven historically and biblically that only the Catholic Church has had a continuous existence since Christ's time.

You do not find in the Bible the name "Roman Catholic," but Catholics do not call themselves that. They are called simply "Catholics" as St. Augustine, the great scholar of the fourth and fifth centuries, himself a convert to the Catholic religion, declared. Protestants call us "Roman" Catholics because they like to believe that they themselves are Catholic, but not "Roman," that they are Greek or Anglican Catholics.

Bishop Oxnham recently wrote a pamphlet in which he said that he too is a Catholic and gives as his reasons that he says the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. But when those Creeds were written the Catholic Church was the only Church in existence, and they meant something else than Bishop Oxnham means by the words "I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."

A mere profession that your Church is also Catholic does not make it so. "All" nations were to be taught "all" things, in a Church with which Christ would remain for "all" time.

Coming back to the reason for the intensification of anti-Catholic campaigns we are witnessing which, as we have noted, seems to be caused by jealousy, we might refer to the fact that the National

Council of Churches of Christ in America, a few months ago, pointed out that the sum total of Christian Churches in the United States had enrolled some 2,000,000 members during the past year, but that half of them were credited to the Catholic Church. When more than 200 Protestant bodies show an annual increase smaller than that of the Catholic Church alone, there is a disposition on the part of the Protestant clergy to try to check that trend.

Writing and preaching against the Catholic Church will never do her harm. It thrives on persecu-

tion, and the 75,000,000 people in our nation who are not affiliated with any Church just simply do not like religious wrangling. They observe that the Catholic Church never attacks any movement unless it be aimed against God or country, while the other churches frequently actually promote dissension and even hatred, which is surely not in keeping with the gospel of love.

Young Again

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The birth of Christ is literally the center of human history. All eyes are turned toward it. They looked forward to it, we look back on it. Had there been no Christmas, there would be no redemption and we would still be in our sin, not only the sin of Adam but the sins that are our own handiwork.

But we are so much better off

than the people of the Old Law. They lived in the expectation of Christ's coming. We enjoy the fulfillment of the promise. We have Christ near to us, Emmanuel, His Mystical Body in our midst—no, we are even members of that Body. We have Him, in His Church, to assist us at every stage of life, to absolve us from our sins and nourish us with His own flesh and blood. We can study and imitate Him in His sacred humanity as He moved among the people of first-century Palestine. The blessings of His coming are too many to enumerate.

Close To Christ

There is no other feast in the calendar that brings Christ so near to us. We feel that we can almost reach out and touch Him, that we can take Him from His mother's arms and cradle Him in our own. Regardless of our past, each of us feels he can at least warm the Christ child and fend off any marauders.

We Catholics are blessed over our Protestant neighbors in the faith that shows us Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Here again, in the Host, He is so close and yet so helpless. As we kneel at the railing we are like the shepherds at the crib, separated by only a few feet from the Divine Infant. As the priest stands before us, the golden ciborium reminds us for a moment of the straw in the manger, and then the Christchild is raised up and given to us in Holy Communion.

Now we are closer to Him than the shepherds, closer than the Apostles on the mountains of Judea, closer even than Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem, for now we have Jesus enthroned as Guest in our soul.

We have Him all to ourselves. That's the way He wants it—because then He has us all to Himself, too, and for some reason that I have never been able to understand, He loves us. And that's the real joy of Christmas Night.

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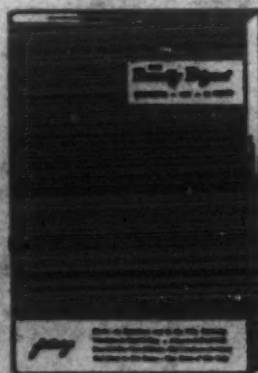
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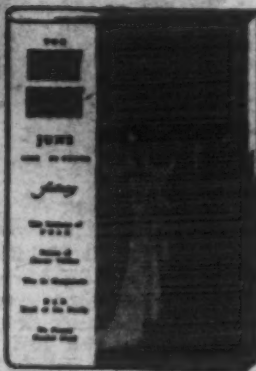
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Chicago DuSable Hands Noll Its First Defeat

By JOHN A. CENGEL

Hammond — Friday night, December 11, the Chicago City Champs of 1953, nosed out Hammond Noll in a fiery contest, the final score being 76 to 64. It was the unerring long shooting of their guards — All-State Paxton Lumpkin and Slick Brown which gained their win. Lumpkin swished 20 points through the nets with Brown getting 17.

The Warriors had not been lying down on the job. At times in the first half they were leading the boys from Chicago—but a fast break proved Noll's downfall.

Ron Loneski sank 38 points, tying his own record and also the Hammond Civic Center's.

Noll now has a record of 3 and 1 while DuSable remains unbeaten. The Warriors will try to regain the winner's circle when they meet Gary Tolleston Thursday and Brazil Friday night.

On the previous night the Warriors took their third straight game, 59 to 51 from Merrillville.

Ron Loneski was the high scorer again with 15 points but was trailed closely by John O'Keefe with 12, Ed Gardner with 11 and Stan Kosinski with 10 points.

The first half was a tightly played endeavor. Merrillville had tied the score 24 to 24 with only a few minutes remaining. But the Warriors sank three quick baskets to regain the lead. They were never headed after that. This was Merrillville's first loss.

Makes Starting Five

Fort Wayne — Gordon Dodane, former Central Catholic high school cage star, has broken into the starting lineup for the Dayton University Flyers. He is the son of Mrs. Rose Dodane, 1840 Franklin Ave. As a C.C.H.S. star, he was named on the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel All-City quintet.



DEANERY INTER-CITY CHAMPS—St. Stanislaus Parish football team of East Chicago won all seven of its league games to win the Inter-City C.Y.O. championship of the Hammond Deanery. Pictured are members of the team, bottom row, left to right: Pelczar, Majkowski, Bachusz, Kasza, Shakes, Kwasny, Zipko and Sochacki. Second row, left to right: Lesniak, Zych, Fijut, Ciesla, Monczka, Tkacz, and Halas. Third row, left to right: Coach Drozd, Jardecki, Zurat, Hus, Sapyta, Skawinski, Chmiel and Coach Boksa; Cheer leaders: Kmiecik, Matulis, Setmajer and Kozlowki. Seated at bottom are Pelczar and Sojka.

St. Joe Takes First Loss Of Season 58-49

South Bend—St. Joseph's Indians had their four-game basketball winning streak snapped as they dropped a 58-49 verdict to the Bristol Pirates at Bristol.

Bristol's Pat Moran led the scoring with 15 points on four baskets and seven free throws. South Bend's Ken Tepe totaled 13 to lead the Saints. Bristol led 29-22 at half time.

Previously, the Indians, using all 12 members of their roster, notched their fourth consecutive victory of the season by soundly trouncing the New Carlisle Tigers, 84-58.

Ken Tepe, Larry Varda and Dick Pohlman combined their efforts to produce 61 points for the Indians. Tepe hit eight field goals and 10 foul shots for 26 points. Varda added nine fielders and four charity throws for 22 and Pohlman had five from the field and three from the free throw line for 13.

Held to a 15-12 first quarter margin the unbeaten Indians poured in 25 points in the second period to lead 40-21 at the half and later turn the game into a rout.

C. C. Loses City Series Opener To Central, 60-52

By JOHN YAGGY and TOM UECKER

In the opening City Series game of the 1953-54 prep cage campaign, the Central Tigers defeated the Irish 60-52 at the Coliseum.

After playing on a par with the Tigers for three quarters, C. C. folded in the final stanza and Central won going away.

The Irish rooters went wild when their team drew to a 17-14 first quarter lead as all of the starters scored at least two points. The big guns in the opening period were Jim Hall and Dick Hale. Hall, the Irish center, hit on two of his favorite close-in shots and added a free throw while Hale, C.C.'s

sophomore flash, uncorked two deadly set shots which found the range.

In attempting to hold on to their slim lead, the Irish played it slow and cautious in the second period, but in doing so made some costly mistakes and found the score tied, 21-21 at the half. At the start of the third quarter, C.C. held short leads of 24-21 and 27-24 before Central knotted the count at 31-31. From then until the end of the period the two clubs battled openly and the third quarter score was 41-41.

C. C. took quick leads of 42-41 and 44-42 as the final eight minute

bracket opened but then the Tigers got hot and scored seven straight points to lead 49-44. This proved too much for the tired Irish five as they could not quite recover from the spurge.

Previously, Irish of Central Catholic trounced the New Haven Bulldogs 54-37 at the New Haven gym for their first win of the season.

Dean Konger put the Irish off to an early lead with a jump shot from the foul line for the initial basket of the game. From this time on, the Irish were never behind, and held commanding leads at every point in the game. They led 14-10 at the end of the first stanza and added another point to their lead, making it 25-20 at halftime. In the final period, C.C. really turned it on, out-scoring the Bulldogs 20-8.

C.Y.O. To Hold Annual Christmas Party, Dec. 20

Fort Wayne — About seventy-five young people attended the recent Catholic Youth Organization's Open House Party at St. Joseph's Athenaeum.

The Organization is sponsoring a Christmas Party on December 20 at 7:30 p. m. Instead of the traditional grab-bag each person will bring food to make up Christmas baskets for the Orphanages. There will be games and dancing and loads of fun in store for everyone. New members will be welcomed.

Bud Schumacker who is general chairman of the affair will be assisted by Josephine Zralka, Bernadette Koscielniak, Dorothy Reinert, and Patricia Bylenowski who are planning the evening's entertainment.

Austrian Bishop Resigns

Graz, Austria—(NC)—For reasons of age and health, Bishop Ferdinand Pawlikowski of Seckau has asked the Pope to permit his resignation. In accepting it the Holy Father has named the 76-year-old Bishop to the Titular Archbishopric of Velebusdo.

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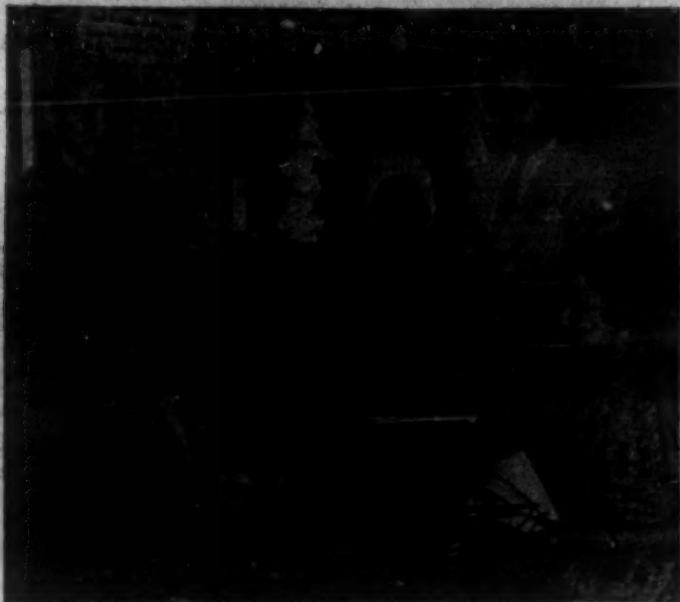
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PAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS take the form of a snow-man at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, as two Whiting boys demonstrate the honored North American art to four Latin American students, three of whom are seeing their first snow. Andrew A. Hanusin (kneeling) of Whiting and Robert M. Conley (far right) also of Whiting, are supervising the sculpture for (left to right), Carlos and Ramon Torres of Cayey, Puerto Rico; Emil Caballero of Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico; and Carlos J. Quijano of the Republic of Panama.



PLAN C.Y.O. CHRISTMAS DANCE — The Senior Catholic Youth Organization and the Catholic Young Adults will sponsor a semi-formal dance, "Sleighbell Ball," on December 23 from 9 p.m. to midnight in St. Mary's Auditorium. Talking over plans are (left to right) Tom Hankler, Charles Woehner, co-chairman; Delores Metker, refreshments chairman; Jimmy Stier, whose orchestra will play for the dance, and Kathryn Galloway, co-chairman. — Fort Wayne News-Sentinel photo.

Budenz Says N.Y. School Red-Founded

Washington —(NC)— Former communist Louis Budenz told the Subversive Activities Control Board that the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City was founded under the aegis of the Communist Party.

Testifying at hearings to determine whether the Jefferson School is a communist front, Mr. Budenz said that its founding committee was appointed by the party's top echelon, and included Alexander Trachtenberg, a member of the party's National Review Commission and co-head of its Cultural Commission. Mr. Budenz, who quit the party in 1945 after serving as managing editor of the Daily Worker, is now a professor at Fordham University.

Under questioning of Ralph J. Edsall, Jr., Justice Department attorney, Mr. Budenz identified close to 200 persons who had served on the faculty or administration of the Jefferson School during its ten-year history as communists. Some he said he knew personally to be party members, others he said he had been told were Reds by top party members. He was told of their affiliations with the party "to enable me to slant stories" in the Daily Worker, he said.

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St. Mary's College Students To Give Baskets To Needy

Notre Dame — Students from 36 states and 8 foreign countries at St. Mary's College, here, are lending their efforts to help make Christmas in South Bend a great deal merrier for many needy families.

The day before beginning their Christmas vacations the girls will finish packing 25 baskets of food which they will then distribute to the needy in local areas. Each daily wrapped and decorated parcel contains a complete Christmas dinner, including a 10 pound turkey, canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, and candy.

Accompanying the baskets will be a Christmas tree and toys for the families with small children.

The all-school project at St. Mary's is made possible through proceeds from the Charity Ball which was held last month at the College.

In Catholic U. Play

Washington, D. C. — (Special)— Trent Knepper, Kendallville, has a part in the current Catholic University of America play "Antigone" being produced by the Speech and Drama Department.



"CHRISTOPHER ROBIN SAYING HIS PRAYERS" — The theme of the December meeting of the Holy Cross P.T.A., South Bend, was "Christ Child, O Come." The meeting was held recently in the school auditorium where about 600 parents and guests were present. The program following the business meeting was put on by the three First Grade classes. Sister Archangel's class presented a skit "Santa's Toy Shop." Sister Anne de Lourdes' class presented "Twas the Night Before Christmas." "Christopher Robin Saying His Prayers" was given by Sister Laurus's class (above).

College And School News

Oldest Catholic Women's College Mag Publishes Winter Issue At St. Mary's

The winter edition of the oldest women's college magazine, Chimes, the student quarterly of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, was published this week. Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in honor of the Marian Year proclaimed by Pope Pius XII, the student publication contains essays, verses, art work and short stories principally concerning the Blessed Mother.

Chimes first appeared in 1859 under the title, "Mystical Rose," written in long hand. In 1892 the literary publication emerged in printed form. Richly bound copies of the first printed issue were presented to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, James Cardinal Gibbons, and other noted churchmen.

"Contribute to Mary's Shrine" was the theme of many posters which lined the corridor walls last week reminding Bishop Noll high school students to drop in their daily offerings. The drive began Tuesday and closed Friday netting a total of \$344.75 which averaged 25c per pupil. To further stimulate the students' interest in their National Shrine a skit was prepared and given at the C.S.M.C. meeting, Friday. A review of many of the world's shrines plus the history of our own National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was given.

The St. Francis College Sodality of the Blessed Virgin held its annual investiture of new members Thursday afternoon, December 10, in the Trinity Hall Chapel.

Father Florence Hoste, O.F.M., who conducted the ceremony, was assisted by Jean Fairfield, prefect of the Sodality and Jane Noll, secretary.

Fort Wayne Central Catholic high school has been awarded a Latin trophy by the Association for the Promotion of the Study of Latin. This Latin trophy is awarded to a school upon certain achievements of its Latin student body in the annual

APSL nationwide Latin examinations, held each spring. In this contest last spring, Beverly Keyer, Ralph Miller and Thomas Kovats received medal pins for writing examinations within five points of being perfect.

The Freshman Class of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Fort Wayne, was received into the

Pope Asks Youth To Fight Evil Forces In World

Vatican City —(Radio, NC)— The first Marian Year address of His Holiness Pope Pius XII was a call to the youth of Italian Catholic Action to be "as strong as an army arrayed" against forces of evil in the world. He stressed especially the need for a "religious rebirth" in their own country.

The Holy Father's talk was broadcast over the Vatican Radio after he had attended services in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome marking the inauguration of the Year commemorating the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX.

"There is a battle afoot," Pope Pius declared, "which grows daily in size and violence. Therefore, it is necessary that all Christians, and especially all militant Catholics, 'stand up and fight, even to the death, if necessary, for (the Church) our Mother, and with lawful weapons.'"

The phrase quoted by the Pontiff was from the writings of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, founder of the Cistercian Order. The 12th century saint was a defender of the Church against errors then being preached, and was noted especially for his great devotion to the Mother of God.

In sounding his challenge, Pope Pius was referring also to a warning in his Encyclical letter, "Fulgens Corona," proclaiming the Marian Year in which he spoke of "many who are trying to root out the Christian Faith from . . . souls, either by cunning and secret snares, or else by open and arrogant preaching of those errors of which they wantonly boast."

It is not a matter of physical war, but of a spiritual and moral one, the Pope declared. He said, "We speak of a battle which evil, in its thousand forms, wages against the good: the struggle of hatred against love, of immorality against purity, of selfishness against social justice, of violence against peaceful living, of tyranny against freedom."

The Holy Father said there was no doubt about the final outcome of the continuing war between good and evil, because God had guaranteed that His Church would triumph.

Noll High Students Give To Shrine; Sodalities Hold Investiture Rites

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8. The Rev. Louis Pottkoetter, chaplain, presided. Miraculous medals were presented to the 29 students and the reception was closed with Benediction. The program was completed with the movie, "Now That I See Again," and a social hour.

The Marian Year opened at Bishop Noll high school last Sunday with a holy Mass celebrated in the school gym by the Rev. Alfred Junk, principal of the school. Assisting at the Mass were the parents of the students and the class of 1954. After Mass and Holy Communion all the parents were invited to a breakfast in the school cafeteria.

The Marian Year was formally inaugurated for students of Holy Cross Central School of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, by a three-day retreat closing on the afternoon of December 8.

Retreat master was Rev. Charles R. Callahan, C.S.C., superior of the Holy Cross Mission Band, Evanston, Ill., and director of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine on Dixie Highway North.

Rosemary Seculoff has been elected president of the freshman class at Fort Wayne Central Catholic high school for the 1953-54 school year. Other officers are William Felix, vice-president; Judy Urbine, secretary, and Rudy Jansen, treasurer.

Hold Christmas Party

Fort Wayne — The St. Agnes Young Ladies Sodality of St. Peter's Catholic Church, held its annual Christmas Party on Thursday evening December 17 in the school auditorium. Anne Haeffling, president of the Sodality, was in charge of the Party.

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N.D. Panel Discusses Methods Of Congressional Investigators

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — A panel of jurists has suggested refinements in technique of congressional investigations which they say will protect the rights of witnesses before committees without hampering the functions of Congress.

The six-man panel debated the problem at a symposium sponsored by the University of Notre Dame College of Law.

William T. Gossett, vice-president and general counsel of the Ford Motor Company, who served as moderator, said that witnesses called before investigating committees "are not afforded the protection to which they are entitled in court." Legislative committees are not courts and their proceedings are not trials, Gossett emphasized, but their "investigations may affect directly and adversely the rights of individuals."

Abe Fortas, former Undersecretary of the Interior, traced the course of Congressional investigations since 1938 and said "there is considerable room for doubt that the Congress has done the job either wisely or well."

Mr. Fortas termed "the disorderly, hit-or-miss procedures of some Committees" as "a menace to the nation, apart from the individuals concerned." "Their failure to present an objective and a balanced statement of facts results in causing many of our people to exaggerate or distort the dangers to our country and the ineffectiveness of law enforcement agencies, and in causing many others, who are repelled by the disorderly work of

such committees, to underestimate and unduly discount the problem," he said.

Representative Kenneth B. Keating of New York declared that Congress itself must take steps to rectify abuses of the investigatory power and said "it would be a mistake to turn toward any power outside the legislative branch for a solution."

Congressman Keating said that "every person called upon to testify should have the absolute right to be accompanied by a counsel of his own choosing." He also defended the right of every witness to submit prepared statements as long as they were reasonably brief and relevant.

George Morris Fay, former U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, distinguished between Congressional hearings which are called to help frame legislation and those which have other functions.

"It is not necessary to deny that Congress may utilize informative and educational hearings," Mr. Fay said. "When it embarks on such a field, however, it ought not possess the same coercive means of compelling witnesses to attend and testify. When the individual is called not as a witness but because he is an object of scorn and sacrifice to public titillation, when he is called and addressed directly as 'the defendant,' then he ought to enjoy some of the substantial rights of a defendant, for the Committee in modern times has become an examining and often committing magistrate."

Telford Taylor, former chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crime Trials, asserted that, because of "the illusion of investigative omnipotence" and other misunderstandings, witnesses are pleading the Fifth Amendment when it is neither necessary nor to their advantage.

"Some who are guilty of no reprehensible, let alone criminal conduct, are pleading the privilege out of fear," he said. Others are invoking it from a misguided notion that they are thereby challenging the committee's powers on an issue of principle.

Dr. Marshall Smelser, associate professor of history at Notre Dame, traced the history of congressional investigation since 1920 and said the liberals of today who condemn the methods of congressional investigators, supported such tactics in the 1920's and 1930's.

Office For Refugees

Bonn, Germany — (NC) — Bishop Julius Döpfner of Wuerzburg has been named delegate for the Fulda Bishop's Conference on pastoral care for refugees in Germany. He succeeds the late Msgr. Frantz Hartz who died last February.

Marian Year

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for plans and explanations involved. Miss Jenkins, who is secretary to the executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic

Men, hasn't taken the letters lightly.

She's answered them all, enclosing an outline of the way she built her shrine and offering such advice as: "Please go ahead with your plans for a shrine and I just know that Our Lady will help you as she did me."

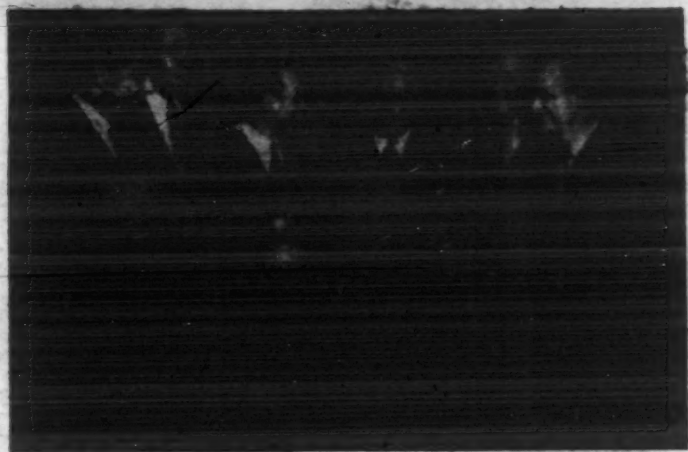


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EXPERTS PROPOSE REMEDIES — Additional safeguards for the rights of witnesses appearing before legislative investigations were recommended at a symposium sponsored by the Notre Dame College of Law on December 9. Addresses on various aspects of the problem were given by (left to right) George Morris Fay, former U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; Telford Taylor, former chief prosecutor of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials; Abe Fortas, former Undersecretary of the Interior; Representative Kenneth B. Keating of New York; William T. Gossett, vice-president and general counsel of the Ford Motor Co.; and Marshall Smelser, associate professor of history at Notre Dame.



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